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## **Your Whole Life Outlook**

Webster's dictionary defines a 'pep talk' as... *"a usually brief, intense, and emotional talk designed to influence or encourage an audience."* In Romans 15:1-13, the apostle Paul reminds us to have a heart united towards one another because of our common dedication to Jesus Christ. His pep talk ends with this beautiful prayer...

*"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in your faith, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, your whole life and outlook may be radiant with hope."* Romans 15:13 (J.B. Phillips)

How radiant with hope have we been in the last few months? We have had encounters with statistics and scenarios which are new to us. They have challenged our plans and possibly drained our hope reserves. The good news is that with the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, the God of hope can maintain our positive outlook on life and that even better, we can be radiant with it!

In America, September marks a new season. We pray that you will enter into it, radiant with hope that will sustain you and impact your family, community and the nations, as together, we reach out to children in Brazil.

## How Are Things Going?

The pandemic increased inequality in Brazil, especially in the area of education. COVID-19 has brought even more suffering and restrictions on children and their families. If you've been to CBC you will be able to imagine just how difficult it is to social distance in the slums. Furthermore, you know how fragile the economy is, and how much people depend on daily income for food.

Some CBC students have had COVID-19 but all have recovered well. Parents, pastors and teachers in our community have also had the virus, some seriously. Some students have lost grandparents and other older relatives that we knew personally. This is a great weight on us all.

Authorities have been extremely strict with community organizations even though people are trying their best to function within the government guidelines. Churches and individuals have been fined thousands of dollars, even though many of them have no means of paying. Over 50 private schools in the city of Fortaleza have filed for bankruptcy.

We ask that you pray for wisdom for CBC. We are still waiting for the go-ahead to begin classes with social distancing. We'll need to be extremely careful, especially with our younger children as we ease students back into learning.

As you know we've been reaching out with emergency aid and support to our students at home but our children are desperate for face-to-face contact again.

We are eager to REACH out, RESTORE hope and REDEEM time, but we can't do it without you.  
Please pray for CBC.

## Learning Packs

Presuming that we might be able to start some in-person education soon, we know that students will also need to do some of their learning at home.

In addition to our online support we would like to prepare learning packs with school supplies, exercise instructions, and reading material for children to take home.

In the same way that you supported our families with food parcels during the height of the pandemic, we're asking for you to reach out again and help us supply these learning packs for each of our 260 students.

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