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**for children in the slums of Brazil.**

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## High Hopes

When I first started taking coffee and bread to street children in Fortaleza, Brazil in 1983, I never imagined that they would become the professionals I have the pleasure of working with today.

This is Bruno. Today he's a lawyer. I remember him as a timid but conscientious young boy, fighting to believe that life could hold something more than the violence and poverty he grew up with in the slums.

His success is Channel To Brazil For Christ's purpose: offering hope through Jesus Christ and providing the daily support that children living in the slums need to find their way out of poverty.

It's not easy, it takes dedication, patience, and sacrifice. On Christmas day we saw a devastating act of violence which took away 6 young lives in our community. But Bruno is one of our stories of transformation.

We have a model that works, a strong reputation, and the respect of our community. We are invested in being a light in a dark place. Please join us as we take CBC into 2022 and beyond.

## Welcome



After our Christmas Safari Staff party, we are beginning the year with high hopes and strong expectations. We are registering students for new classes and opening up places to the many children on our waiting list. We plan to start classes this month but please be in prayer for good health as we are starting to see increases in sickness of H1N1, COVID, and Dengue Fever as the rainy season begins.

## Kitchen Project

While we were enjoying a much needed break over Christmas and New Year, something big was happening at CBC. The longstanding, heartwarming, stomach filling epicenter of the project - the kitchen - finally came to the end of its life as we know it.

The tiles on the floor had literally worn out and the cabinets were disintegrating. Also, Ruth finally persuaded Marc of the need to install hot water (it only took 18 years)!

We took the opportunity of the Christmas break to take up the floor and upgrade electricals and plumbing. But now we need your help. The plan is to install new sinks, new cabinets, new flooring, and solar heated hot water. We also want to extend the storage area and add a laundry.

This is a project that will sustain the heart of CBC for the next 20 years.

Please take a moment to watch Marc's video on our Facebook Page, so that you can see for yourself what we hope to achieve.



We've already raised \$5,000 and we are going to need \$20,000 to finish the job and deliver the best we can for our children and staff. It's a big goal but we believe that we can achieve it together.

**If ever there was a kitchen that deserved a makeover, we believe it would be this one.**

Please consider how you can help and we'll be sure to show you the spectacular results just as soon as the kitchen is completed. You'll find the Kitchen Project on our online giving dropdown menu. [www.thechannel.org/donate](http://www.thechannel.org/donate)

### How Your Contribution Could Help

- \$200 will help us cement some new tiles
- \$500 will buy some new cabinets
- \$1,000 will buy a new freezer
- \$2,000 will buy a work surface with 3 custom made stainless steel sinks.
- \$5,000 will buy the solar water heating system
- \$10,000 will help us add 230 square ft extension in July.

We need to get as much as we can done before the children return to classes. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our plans, please get in touch.

## From Celeste - Our Banquet Returns

Happy New Year from Casie, Ann and I here in Virginia. We have great news to share... We are planning on holding a Spring Banquet on THURSDAY April 21, 2022.

Please save the date because Marc and Ruth have so much to share. The program is going to be new and exciting; you'll want to be there.

We also need volunteers to help with the event. Please email me at [cbcoffice@thechannel.org](mailto:cbcoffice@thechannel.org) if you'd like to help.

## Is It Time To Come Back To Brazil?

As you know, we love to host mission trips, which are a great time of ministry. We have lots of projects and many new children and teachers who would love to meet you.

We understand that the pandemic has complicated the planning process for mission trips, but if you are interested, we would love to work with you to overcome these new challenges and get people engaged in international mission again. Please get in touch.