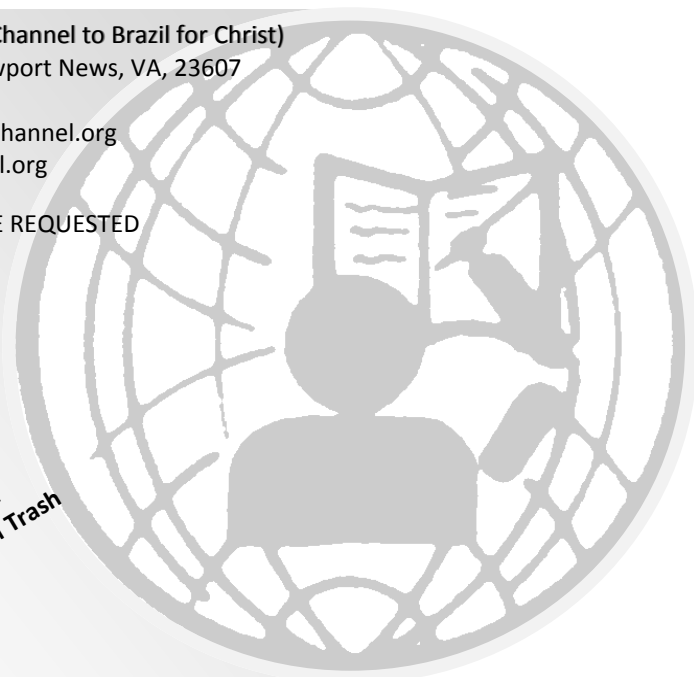


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Brazil

A pathway out of poverty through
quality education and training

Newsletter - Oct 2011

**We provide quality education and training for 350 children living in poverty in the slums of Brazil.
Our vision is to form the next generation of Christian leaders, ready to transform their communities and nation.**

We are an organization with 25 years of experience of working with children at risk.

Our results - preventing children going to the streets, restoring families, providing opportunity to escape poverty.



Christmas Puzzle Gift Campaign

Dear Friend,

It is always my deepest desire to share with you how much of a difference CBC is making here in Brazil. Most often, it's when we understand the challenges these children face in the slums, that the significance of these smiling faces, really hits home.

To bring you another step closer to the heartbeat of CBC, we are producing a **special quality 165 piece photo puzzle** with three special child stories for you to give and receive this Christmas. This is a really practical way that you can help CBC and prepare your Christmas gifts all at once! We're asking you to think about **who you can give this puzzle to as a delightful Christmas Gift** and of course, if you would like one for yourself. Just complete and return the enclosed slip.

It's is no ordinary puzzle. Inside you will find the stories of three girls so as you build their picture you and whoever you give it to, will learn more about the lives and struggles of children from the slums around CBC. **Please return the insert and support this campaign in anyway you can.** Thank you so much.



On behalf of the children

Marcondes Marques, Director

TOYS FROM TRASH



Paula's classroom is a laboratory of discovery. Her classroom is home to 25 students in the morning and another 25 in the afternoon.

Inside the classroom each student has a desk and their name is displayed over the shelf where

they can safely store their work. The class functions as a team and each project is undertaken with the agreement that everyone will be involved and play their part.

The process of making dominoes, began with the question what is a domino? A necessary question for children who have hardly any toys or games at home. Step by step the students developed an understanding of the game and how to play. The next step was to collect the materials necessary to make a full set of dominoes. After drawing a full set on the whiteboard, the number of milk cartons, blue paper to cover and dots needed were calculated and work began on construction.

In addition to the dominoes Paula also made 'slinkies' from drink bottles, a bench strong enough to hold adults and a catching game, again using the tops of plastic bottles.

Paula's students have shown great progress in their academic lives as a result of projects like this. We especially see improvements in motivation, social skills and confidence to open up about what is happening in their lives.

What impresses us the most is the affection which the pupils have for Paula as she seeks to open up the imagination of her students.

As one child said: **"We don't have anything to give her so we give her our help because she does such cool things for us."**



Dominoes made with milk cartons



A padded bench made from a cardboard box re-enforced with plastic bottles.



A poem, 'Let's Play With Words' with brightly decorated pencils for children to write their own poetry.

Congratulations Paula and all of the Brazilian teachers for creatively teaching in such an engaging and resourceful way.

PRAYER & UPDATES

- The teachers are currently asking for your prayers as they attempt to calm and work with children who have been out of school for so long because of public school strikes. These strikes are continuing and now involve state schools as well as some city run schools.

- BAKERY UPDATE** - Thanks for your response to our bakery appeal. We have begun the renovation of the site. We need to buy 10 carts for baking which cost \$1,200 each. Please support this campaign and let us know if you would like more details.



PRICELESS — FAITH IN ACTION

Keeping a project going is often a tiring and thankless task. That is until you hear something like this... Here are a few priceless words from the lips of children and young people at CBC.

"Teacher, thank you for CBC, you put all of this here for us and it's so nice."

"Did you put these trees here? wow, you should be the Major, your really care for us!"

"Teacher, thanks to you I decided to keep studying and now I am going to earn 5 times more than if I had left CBC three years ago when you encouraged me to stay."

