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Message from the Director

Dear Friend,

How important is a high school diploma?

Dr. David Ellwood Professor of Public Health at Harvard University says: *"Historically, poverty has been a result of unemployment and low wages. Today, it is primarily a result of family structure. The vast majority of children who are raised entirely in a two-parent home will never be poor during childhood. By contrast, the vast majority of children who spend time in a single-parent home will experience poverty."*

In light of what we know about poverty in America, in Brazil and other parts of the world, poverty is a way of life. Children are born into it, live and die in the same poverty and they will never know anything different.

The significance of six of our children finishing high school is enormous. They are educated beyond their parents and they are a part of only 8% of Brazilian students who finish high school. They have overcome the pressure of drugs and teenage pregnancy, and certainly their families and future will be different than the norm in their communities.

Nadja, one of the graduates, once told me *"All my friends that I started school with are now either pregnant, using drugs or living with their boyfriends."* As the recent marriage of two former CBC

students demonstrates, the characteristics of poverty are being challenged and new standards are being set, not by an institution but through these kids, their relationships and their actions. These new ways of life and family are indeed pathways out of poverty.

My friend, even though we are celebrating this major event of graduation, the battle is not yet over. We need even more help to see that these young people achieve their next set of dreams through college and professional training. We are so thankful for your partnership with us through your financial support and your prayers.

On behalf of the children

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcondes Marques'.

Marcondes Marques

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The impossible becomes a reality

This month we finally celebrated the graduation of 6 more students from high school.

The significance of these six graduations is difficult to convey. None of these student's parents ever had the opportunity to study at high school, let alone get close to graduating.



Despite every parents wish for the best for their children, the harsh reality of life in the slums around CBC quickly sap away a parent's ability to dream high and offer opportunity for their children.

So you can imagine the emotions for these young people and their parents as they put on their best clothes, ready to go to a party, the kind of which is very rare in the community.

During the celebrations which were attended by friends, relatives and the CBC staff, the graduates gave their testimonies and Cassia whose dream is to study music, sung a solo.

The staff prepared special gifts for each student which signified the time they had spent and the achievements each of them had accomplished at CBC.

Next, there was a message of encouragement given by CBC's house church pastor and a time of pray for the students as they step into the next stage of their lives.

Of course no party would be complete without some delicious food



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which everyone enjoyed and the evening turned out to be very special. We are grateful to all of the staff and family members who helped with all the special touches that made the night unforgettable.

Could you be the person to see one of these young students through college?

Each of these six young people have dreams about going to college, changing their community and breaking out of a life of poverty in the favela.

The good news is that they are already well on the way to achieving their dreams but they need our help to succeed.

These six students have each shown their potential and their lives are fertile ground in which we must continue to invest.

When we invest in these students we invest not only in them but also the lives of the children they are ministering to on a daily basis through their example. Their lives are a testimony not only to the younger children at CBC but also to their parents, neighbors and friends and community.

CBC looks at these six young people as future leaders, Christian educators, Christian busi-

ness leaders and ministers of the gospel with the ability to transform many lives.

It is our desire to invest in their college education but to do so we need your help.

You CAN help one of these young people through college.

Please call us if you would like more information—we do need your partnership as we grow and celebrate these milestones together.

Dreambuilders

This the most effective way to help children at CBC and to help us as an organization to maintain a strong healthy project in Brazil.

\$27 per month to educate a child
\$324 per year

\$47 per month to educate a high school student / **\$564** per year

\$300 to support a young person at college / **\$3,600** per year

There are several ways that you can make your regular donation

1. You can mail a **monthly check** payable to CBC to: PO Box 804, Newport News VA, 23607.
2. You can set up a **direct debit** from your checking account for a minimum amount of \$27 per month. To set this up, send a

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3. You can give online using **paypal**.

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Our Promise

All donations are tax deductible. With over 25 years of experience working in Brazil, all our funds are channeled to where we know they will change lives. Our focus is on daily attention, quality care and real opportunity for children.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS MONTH

- For each of the high school students as they make decisions about further study and employment.
Najla.
Cassia
Desivsania
Paulo Cesar
Klesio
Rodrigo
- For favor as they look for jobs and opportunities
- For the teams preparing to visit and serve the children at CBC this summer.

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