

July 2008

Dear Friend,

**Words are not enough to tell you how excited the CBC children are**

Every month we try to convey to you all the action going on inside CBC University of Life in relation to the activities and services for the children and their impact in the local community. No matter how much we write it always fall short of conveying to you the level of excitement and the joy those children experience every day of the week at CBC

Right now we are making plans for next year in the area of IT. This is the first year that we have provided our own integrated computer curriculum for all grades which we feel best tackles the learning challenges of our students. Everyday we see the advantages of IT training to nurture lateral thinking, logic, co-ordination and concentration. The benefits extend far into the social, spiritual and academic lives of the children. Most public schools in Brazil have no such opportunities for students and it is no wonder that computer class is such an exciting event for our children each day.

Thank you for believing with us as we head towards another summer of mission trips and excitement in Brazil. Even as we enter this period of vacation and rest we do want to thank you caring for the children and for making a difference through your giving. We find ourselves honored by your confidence and trust.

On behalf to the children

Marcondes Marques

## Star struck CBC children welcome VIP Guest.

Nonato Luiz is a world famous classical guitarist who grew up in Fortaleza, Brazil (the home of CBC University of Life). At a young age Nonato began to teach himself the guitar, training his hands and ears not just to play whatever he heard but also to compose music. Today Nonato has over 15 albums and regularly performs in Europe and Brazil. He is one of the most famous musicians in the whole of Brazil.

Back in January we decided to try and contact Nonato and little did we know then, that one phone call could lead to the events of this month.

On a Sunny Friday morning at CBC the children and staff welcomed Nonato into our regular chapel service. Everyone was very excited to have such an important visitor. During the chapel service, Nonato told his testimony to the children about how he had grown up in a poor family but that his dream and love for music had inspired him to study and perform.

After playing a beautiful pieces of music for the children, Nonato posed for photos and as you can see everyone is smiling!

A few days later Nonato Luiz flew to America and met Marc and Ruth where he performed again for CBC donors and friends at a special benefit concert in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Ruth said: *"I was holding my breath watching him play the guitar. The music was so beautiful and Nonato is a very humble and sweet man."*

CBC would like to thank our friend Dr Wilson Asfora, the owner of the Brazilian restaurant where the concert was held, for his generosity. Dr Asfora donated the use of his restaurant to us as paying for Nonato to travel and stay in America.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME TO THE BENEFIT CONCERT**

## Send a computer on a mission trip

This summer we have a team of 24 people coming out to Brazil and it's a great opportunity for us to increase our computer resources. We want to send at least 10 computers with this team and I want to ask you to consider 'sponsoring' a computer to send on a very important mission trip this summer.

We are negotiating an order with a local supplier and a gift of **\$500** will buy one new computer and monitor that can be hand carried by the team to Brazil.

## CBC on You Tube

[www.utube.com/cbccares](http://www.utube.com/cbccares)

What better way to see the marvelous things God is doing in Brazil (apart from coming to visit in person of course!), than to watch CBC students sharing their testimony and talents on video?

We are very pleased to announce that we now have our very own page on You Tube where you can simply click and watch what is going on at The University of Life.

In the future we hope to use the site to post video updates, share events, news and needs with our friends. We will let you know when new videos are uploaded to the site.

Go to our site to watch Nonato playing the Star Spangled Banner at our recent CBC benefit concert. If you scroll down the page you will also find other videos of our dance team performing in churches and competitions.

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## A new face for CBC in America

We are delighted to welcome Kristin Guiliani onto the staff of CBC in America. Kristin began working for us in May. Here is her story.

I grew up in Watertown, South Dakota, and currently live in Silver Spring, Maryland, with my wonderful husband, Nick, and our beautiful, three-month-old daughter, Nora. I recently received my masters in International Health and am thrilled to be working with CBC! CBC was what first inspired me to consider international health. I grew up with CBC and remember being enamored by the pictures and stories of the children. In 1998, I spent two weeks at CBC. I was simultaneously enchanted and repulsed by what I observed. It took years to begin to comprehend the contradiction of the hideous destitution of the favelas with the beautiful, healing work of CBC. This past December, I returned to Brazil and was greeted by familiar sites and some dramatic changes. I was awestruck by the enormity of the gym and encouraged by the beautiful new classrooms filled with eager children. But I was most inspired by the intricacy, depth and breadth of the programs—CBC truly strives to minister to the entire child—the resiliency and hope of the children and the dedication and love of the staff.



My role at CBC will be to offer technical and strategic support, to help expand the funding base and increase monthly income. I know that there are many non-Christians who support charities but yearn to see projects which minister to the whole child the way CBC does.

My prayer is that CBC continues to grow both in Brazil and here in the States becoming a shining example of transformation and a pathway out of poverty for children in need.