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Dear Friend,

Some time back a local business man in Brazil told me that I was wasting my time helping children in a slum community. He said that they were malnourished and therefore lacked intelligence to succeed in life.

I was sad to hear his opinion because I have spent hours with these hungry, desperate children and I know that they are incredibly intelligent, ingenious, resourceful and fun-loving. The world looks down on them and doesn't even give them a chance. When I look at the lives of our college students I can remember difficult times but I always believed with deep conviction that these kids had an un-matched ability and determination to succeed.

I believe that these young people need two things to succeed - hope and dignity. These come through opportunity and respect. These values are either unknown or disregarded by local government leaders in Brazil.

Friends I am so appreciative for your support and partnership in our vision to change a nation on child at a time and if wasn't for your prayers and financial gifts these young people would not be where they are today.

Can you picture yourself at graduation day beside one of these youngsters?

Your support is making a difference

Marcondes Marques

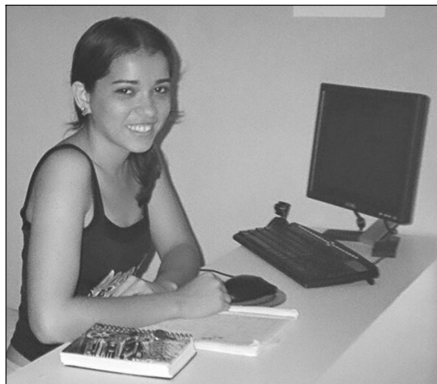
More from our college students

Last month we brought you updates on the progress of four of our college students. This month we have news from four more.

Thank you for your support which makes such a tremendous difference in the lives of these determined and committed young people.

Lean not on your own understanding

Meiline was studying Human Resource Management, but recently went through a difficult period pondering whether she should change her course to Administration.



"I wasn't hearing from God and so I asked my friends and family and then I ended up even more confused." Meiline explained. After helping her understand her options CBC was able to encourage Meiline and then her answer came through the a message at her church on Proverbs 3:5-6. ***"I felt this word was for me and afterwards sensed peace about changing my major."***

One month later, Meiline is making new friends and adjusting to the change. She is in desperate need of a job to help pay her course expenses and has yet to find one which has the flexibility she needs to continue studying.

Representing the boys

Flavio has grown up so quickly in the last few years from being the youngest shyest boy in the mission team to the only boy making his way into college so far! He is studying physical education which he is enjoying despite his long journey to college each day (1 hour on the bus).



Flavio always has a smile and is willing to help but we sense his frustration with the challenge of living with only his two older brothers. He has the same challenge as Meiline, trying to find work which will allow him to study at the same time.

Flavio explained ***"Since my mom left me and my brothers in the house alone, our expenses have gone up a lot, especially for me because I am the only one studying."***

Healed and moving forward

Ana Lucia has struggled recently with her health and been getting home completely exhausted after work and college. Sickness is very common at this time of year in the community around CBC because of the rainy season.

However, her health has improved a lot recently and she is back in the swing of her course in Administration.

Ana Lucia talks about the quality of her teachers at college and how different they are to her experience at public school. The environment of college is inspiring for her and lifts her up when she is tired or struggling to keep up with her studies.



"I'm tired but that's not a reason to give up my dreams and goals. I am doing a course on psychology and it's helping me reflect and maintain a good balance in my life. God never gives up on me and so I certainly won't give up on Him"

The community nurse

Cibelle was the first CBC student to graduate high school in 2003. Since then she has been a backbone to the missions team and even more so to her community. Cibelle spends hours quietly volunteering her time at CBC, helping to organize events, cook meals and clearing up after everyone else has left.



She has been so committed to CBC that Cibelle has even organized her college life around her CBC commitments, choosing to study on the weekends so that she is free to be at CBC on week nights.

During the day Cibelle works for the city, walking the streets and giving health advice to families in the slums. She offers support to people who are experiencing terrible suffering.

Cibelle is studying for a basic nursing qualification. After this she wants to study full time. CBC is immensely proud of her quiet determination and strength of character.

An Unexpected Gift

CBC is standing by each of these students, mentoring and encouraging them day after day as they balance their lives. Each one is committed and aware of the great privilege it is for them to be in college. **CBC needs your help** to continue giving this support, paying college fees and other direct costs.

YOU CAN REDUCE THE PRESSURE ON THESE WORTHY YOUNG PEOPLE

We are asking you to CONSIDER a special gift FROM YOUR GOV. STIMULUS check to CBC COLLEGE FUND to help us take these young people to the finish line.

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