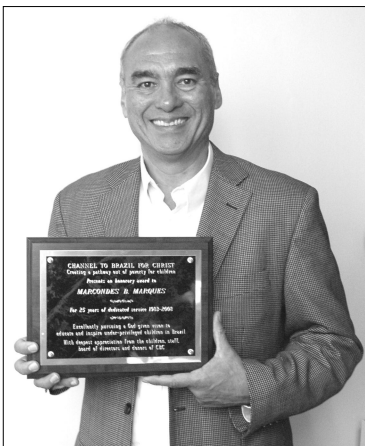


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Dear Friend,

I was so shocked and happy with the surprise party that the board of directors along with Ruth and other friends secretly organized in celebration of 25 years of the ministry of CBC. At the fast pace of my life I rarely stop to reflect on what has taken place and how much has been accomplished during these many years.



So many things have happened that I would definitely not be able to mention them all, however the highlights would be the opening of the first home for street children, the purchase of the land where we now operate, the bakery, the chicken barn, the first graduation of high school students, the mission trip to America with 19 students, the construction of the Gym, and 7 of our young people attending college.

As I look back I am overwhelmed by how many lives have been impacted both in Brazil and the US, particularly through the blessing of the mission teams who have visited and served us. The testimonies and stories contained in this newsletter are clear examples that your prayers and financial support are producing results that will impact generations to come.

The lives of children that were once without hope and opportunity are now set on a good path and have become leading examples of transformation to their families and the surrounding community. We believe that greater things are yet to come for we serve God that has no limitations. Thank you! This victory is absolutely yours!

On behalf of the children,

Marcondes Marques

## College Student update

This month it's time to update you on the progress being made by our college students. Our 7 students have now been in college for 9 months and are all continuing to show their commitment and sacrifice to achieve their dreams.

Here are some of their testimonies from the last few months. More stories from the rest of the students are coming soon!

### Time to believe even though things are not yet certain

**Luzilene** says that everyday is modeling and changing her life. Every new subject is a new challenge for her and she confesses that many times there is nothing that comes easy to her in class. In addition she says that there is always a challenge trying to stop her - finding monthly finances, inconvenience to the family and the tiring journey to college. However, Luzilene also says that each credit she accomplishes is a great motivation. This month, Luzilene wrote in her journal



***"If God believes in me then I need to believe in myself to overcome the challenges that are in front of me."***

### OK God –now its you and me

**Geisa** has been incredibly shy in her classes for the last few months and has struggled to make friends. She was further more intimidated when the professor split the class into teams and handed out an assignment involving a team presentation. On the night of her presentation she whispered a prayer and began her part. In the knowledge that God was with her, she maintained confidence, handled questions and succeeded as a member of the best performing team.

Geisa explained ***"At the end in front of the whole class my professor looked at me and said how proud she was of me and how my life testimony, which had been part of the presentation, could greatly encourage others."***

### The Conquests of Women in the Workplace

**Gleciene**, Geisa's sister has also struggled with confidence in her classes and been challenged in her public speaking. Learning the hard way before a presenta



tion one day, Gleciene realized she had left all her notes at home! *"I raced to the bathroom and asked God to help me remember everthing I had studied,"* she explained. However, in the end Gleciene said that she had learnt a lot more not having her notes, conquering her fear and learning to trust in God and the time she had spent studying her material. As Gleciene learns more about her subject, she says;

***"I've realized that the role of Human Resource Management is like the role of the heart in the body. Good relationships and good understanding of the role of each person causes the organization to succeed."***

### Wisdom and Understanding

As part of **Rogerlane's** course in primary school teaching, she has recently been observing classes in private and public schools. She comments;



***"These experiences have given me a lot of understanding and wisdom for the classroom environment. I've learnt that leaders are people who know how to guide, orientate and drive people or groups with ability and energy."***

### An Unexpected Gift

The major challenges facing these 7 young people are..

- Pressure from the family to work and bring income to the home
- Pressure to raise funds for tuition
- Sickness and tiredness from busy schedules, traveling to and from work, home and college.

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 STIMULUS GOV. check to CBC COLLEGE FUND so we can take these young people to the finish line.**

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