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We provide quality education and training for 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 and success helping children at risk.



The Steps Of The Faithful

Message from Marc Marques, Director

"Direct my footsteps according to your word, let no sin rule over me." Psalm 119:133

Last month marked 10 years since Lois, my first wife passed away from breast cancer. We had been married for 16 years and she was faithfully dedicated to the ministry of CBC. This month I have been reminded of the importance of faithfulness particularly in our daily attitudes and activities which may sometime seem repetitive or insignificant.

As we look towards our future, the opportunities and the possibilities, we mustn't take our eyes off the job of being faithful each and everyday. As soon as a child runs through the gates of CBC a difference is being made. They are safe from the streets, stray bullets and the influence of drugs. This is an urgent and life giving ministry to which we must be faithful and responsible.

Lois was faithful and even ten years after her death the fruit of her work is clear for us to see. May the Lord continue to direct your footsteps each and everyday and as you support this ministry and faithfully follow Him.

Gustavo's Story

Gustavo is in the 8th grade and is 14 years old. He's been a student at CBC for the last three years and a very dedicated boy who rarely misses any classes.

Gustavo lives with his mother (his father is unknown) and is an only child. Edilene, his mother is a domestic maid working for a wealthy family in the center of Fortaleza. Together, they live in a shack in a very dangerous alleyway of a slum close to CBC. Gustavo is accustomed to seeing gang activity and drug dealing because it is as normal to him as his everyday walk to school.



However, when Gustavo runs through the gates of CBC each morning, we see a soft hearted boy who is not afraid to declare his love for school. In his own words Gustavo says that CBC is a passport to a better future and a place where he can realize his dreams.

Gustavo is an obedient and conscientious student. He is very caring towards his colleagues and often warns them about the dangers of mixing with the wrong people outside in the community. When he grows up, Gustavo wants to be an IT technician.



Our monthly givers are called '**Dreambuilders**'. Please make a commitment which helps us so much and you will receive a color photo and story about a CBC student each month. **Thanks!**

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04/25 a Thursday This Month

We've told you about the increasing level of violence that we are experiencing in the community around CBC. Brazil continues to be a very troubled country with high levels of crime and confusion.

The situation is serious and because of this we would like to ask you to consider joining us on the 25th of April in a day of fasting and prayer. We will be praying specifically for an end to aggressive violence and the safety of our staff and children.

Please join with us anyway you can, take some time out of your day to pray and afterwards, please email us to let us know about your prayer time any specific scripture or word the Lord may have laid on your heart.



Practical Needs in US

We often tell you about the needs of the ministry in Brazil, but there are some things that you can do for our office in the States that would be of tremendous help.

The office is kindly supplied by the ministry of Youth Challenge and is actually located in a huge building which was originally a Catholic High School.

We presently need...

- Volunteers to repair the CBC Bathroom at the Youth Challenge building.
- Volunteers to help organize fundraising events
- A small microwave for the office
- A small office shredder
- Two computers
- New lighting for the office
- New Ink Cartridges Epson #88 or #69 HP #940
- Vouchers or gift cards for Office Depot or Office Max