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We provide quality education and training for children living in poverty in the slums of Brazil.

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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.



Prevention

Message from Marc Marques, Director

One of the principle reasons that CBC became an after-school program was to protect children like Yasmin from the dangers of life on the streets. As you will read in her story, children who grow up in the slums are so easily exposed to dangers like drugs, prostitution and human trafficking.

CBC has always been about helping these children BEFORE they become victims. Of course victims need help as well, but imagine how much pain, abuse and suffering we can prevent, by equipping children and their families with hope, education and faith so that they will be at less risk of these dangers.

Thank you for investing in children like Yasmin!

Winter In July

Down in the southern hemisphere, July is the coldest time of the year. However, just like the states it's also vacation time. Here are some facts about winter in July.

- Brazilian employment law dictates that staff are paid 133% of their salary this month to cover vacation expenses. CBC is not exempt!
- City traffic drops by up to 30%. Schools are closed (including CBC), and businesses give vacation time. We'll be working on maintenance & at the bakery.
- In 2013 there are 14 national holidays in Brazil, not including the 3 day carnival celebration in February which most people also observe.

SUMMER SHOPPING LIST

It's very common that our donations go down in the month of July as everyone is enjoying summer vacations. If you are off on vacation this month we hope you have a well deserved, fun and refreshing time.

Before you pack your bags, please take a moment to consider how you can help us this month with a donation towards our Gym Bathroom Campaign. Here are ways you can help with some much needed items this month.

\$174 Toilet (8, desperately needed!)

These will serve 300 children a day, that's a lot of sitting, lid lifting and flushing!



\$500 Septic Tank



\$65 Bathroom

Cubicle Door



\$20 For Ceramic Tiles

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE !

Building Yasmin's Dream

Through monthly giving (our 'Dreambuilder' program), you can receive a color photo and story of a child like Yasmin each month. Please become a champion for a child with a donation of \$30 per month or \$360 per year.



Yasmin is 11 years old and in the 6th grade, her little sister is in 4th grade. Yasmin lives with her father, Reginaldo, who works packing bags in the grocery store and her mother Raimunda who is a domestic maid. Both Yasmin's parents had less than 5 years of education and today they earn very small salaries, barely enough for the family to live on.

The family home is located next to an alleyway in the slums, where Yasmin says that men always gather to smoke marijuana. *"Every morning I wake up and the smell of drugs is very strong and I hear everything that happens in the alleyway because there is only a thin wall."*

Yasmin says *"At CBC I smell the good perfume of Christ and it makes me forget everything that happens in the alleyway. When it's time to go to CBC, I think that's the best present that God could give me."*

"When I grow up I want to be a teacher because I think it is a beautiful profession even though it must be very difficult. At CBC I have learned that everything is possible when you trust in God."

It's not surprising then that Yasmin barely misses any classes at CBC and is an enthusiastic student. She particularly enjoys our chapel services on *Fridays*. Thanks for helping us to make a daily difference in her life, offering her opportunity and hope for a better future through Christ.

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