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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.



God is the owner of CBC

Message from Marc Marques, Director

Our second semester began at the beginning of August and we are now one month into this busy time. In terms of learning results, this is the most productive time of the year for the children because the students are well adjusted to the routine of school and the community of CBC.

We've got lots of exciting plans for our classrooms, including a careers project, super Saturdays, music and physical education, as well as lots of new activities that we are incorporating into the curriculum.



"CBC is everything to me" a student recently said to me, "I wish the whole city of Fortaleza was like this! Are you the owner of this place?" "God is the owner of CBC. I replied "We are the ones looking after it, so that you can enjoy it."

Throwing Dirt Can Come Back At You

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.... Matthew 7:12

Close your eyes and transport yourself to a Friday afternoon chapel service at CBC. After our time of worship, this is one of the stories we recently told the children.

Did you hear the story about the boy who came home from school complaining about one of his classmates that he didn't like? "I just wish he would get sick and not come to school tomorrow", he said to his father.

The father, who was a wise man, said to his son. "Come with me, I want you to do something." He took the boy into the yard where there was a bucket of charcoal and a white sheet. He said: "I want you to throw all these pieces of charcoal at the white sheet" "But father, why?" replied the boy. "Just do it for me and afterwards I will explain."

After a while the boy began to enjoy the game and pretty soon all the charcoal had disappeared. "What color is the sheet now?" asked the father. It's still mainly white, replied the boy, with just a few marks where I hit it."



The father took the boy indoors up to his bedroom and asked him to look in the mirror. "Aghhhhhh!" the boy screamed as he looked at his black face in the reflection. "I'm all dirty, my arms and legs and face are all black!"

"Well son, I wanted to show you that when you wish bad things on someone else like your friend at school, the consequences are that those things will come back at you. Even though it is hard, it is better to love your neighbor, and want good things for them as if they were you."

Now imagine the reality in which the children at CBC are challenged to apply this biblical principle. School life is hard enough for a child but in the lawlessness of a slum, the concept of loving your neighbor who may be involved in drugs, gangs and violence is a challenge indeed.

Please pray for our children as they hear and learn to apply the Word of God to their lives.

THANK YOU For Your Donations

The campaign for the gym bathrooms which we first shared with you back in our May Newsletter is going well. Thank you to everybody who has contributed over the summer months, we've raised \$2,000 so far.

We will be continuing with this campaign to the end of year and hope to reach our goal of \$42,000 by Christmas.

During August volunteers have helped give a facelift to the futsal court, as well as marking our a new basketball and volleyball court.

The work of digging a pit for the septic tank is the first big job that will be undertaken as we get closer to our fundraising goal. Check out the full project on our website www.thechannel.org/project-factsheets.

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