

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

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## CLASSROOM MAKEOVER

### THE NEED

To create a safer, cleaner, more comfortable and more efficient IT classroom at The University of life in Fortaleza, Brazil.

### HOW?

- Close up the open walls and entryway of the classroom to prevent animals, dirt and rain from entering.
- Install a ceiling, & upgrade wiring and lighting.
- Install a energy efficient cooling unit to reduce and regulate the temperature.
- Purchase and install new equipment which has been damaged or destroyed by heat, rust, water and dirt in the classroom.



### THE COST

The approximate cost of all this work is \$18,000 - \$25,000.

### Background

Brazil has Latin America's largest IT market. However, access to both computers and the Internet remain inadequate, particularly among favela (Brazilian slum) residents. Consequently, the poor have limited computer skills, a situation which must be reversed for them to be able to compete in today's job market. In Fortaleza, the state school system is ill-equipped to provide the skills necessary to teach a child even basic computer literacy.

The University of Life has always placed a priority on IT training as an integral part of its services to 250 children from the slums who attend each day of the week for classes.

The IT classroom has recently been enlarged but conditions are often unbearable because of the unfinished nature of the building. Daytime temperatures exceed 95°F inside the classroom and computers have a short lifespan. Teaching and learning is often interrupted by failures and maintenance requests.

### OUR GOAL

*To provide our students with a comprehensive IT education and adequate access to technology which will allow them to leave school with an appropriate level of computer literacy to secure places in higher education or the work place.*

### Donations

Your help will make a tremendous difference for these children who come from extremely difficult conditions in their homes and community.

A full description of the work involved in the Classroom Makeover is available upon request. Donations to this project may be made to The Channel at the address above or online [www.THECHANNEL.org](http://www.THECHANNEL.org).

