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Goodbye View, Hello Work of Art !

Last year we were so sad to have to build a solid wall at the back of the project, blocking out the wonderful breeze and the beautiful view. Unfortunately, the growth of the favelas all around us is unstoppable and we had to act for the projection and safety of the site.

However, thankfully we found someone with just the right perspective to turn this brick wall into a piece of art and a center of beauty for all the students to enjoy.

In addition to designing and painting this mural, Cali Ballard, an arts teacher, also taught art classes at CBC!

We are so grateful for her contribution and so pleased with the results!



Constant Fear

Once again we have been saddened by the news of extreme violence in the favelas of Brazil. Unfortunately, this time, the war between rival factions (highly organized criminal gangs) was reported widely in international news.

At the end of January 16 people were killed in a 'nightclub shooting,' just a few miles away from CBC. Following this event there were at least an equal amount of revenge killings in the area and once again this violence interrupted daily life for thousands of children.

In 2017 there were 5114 reported murders in the state of Ceará (mostly in Fortaleza). Ceará has the second highest level of gun crime in Brazil. (IBGE)

Sad news for the CBC Family

We are sad to report the passing of Bill Freeman, one of the Directors of Channel to Brazil for Christ. Bill lived in Ohio and had been a Board member for the last 8 years.

Our love and prayers go out to his wife Karen and two daughters, Michelle and Meghan. Next month Marc will share the amazing story of how Bill dedicated his life to helping 3 abandoned Brazilian children and how a chance meeting on a plane became a great friendship.

Rains Challenge Development

This time of year, the north-east of Brazil experiences an intense period of rain. It is the season of Dengue Fever, Yellow Fever, Chikungunya (which impacted 100,000 people in Ceará last year) and Zika Virus.

The rains exacerbate the underlying brokenness of much infrastructure in Brazil. In the last month, several fly-overs have collapsed and mud slides have killed and destroyed homes.

Maintenance, repairs and improvements in sanitation and drainage at CBC are very much needed and for a relatively small amount, much can be done to maintain a healthy and safe environment at the project.

If you feel that you can help with an extra gift towards essential maintenance, please let us know and we will create a fund specifically for these needs. We need your support.

Please see our [Facebook Page](#) for more details.

Thank you.



No Tiny Keyboards in Here!

Even though we spend so much time on our phones, we still teach students to type on a full size keyboard.

This giant colour coded example is a new piece of decoration for our computer classroom! Each color corresponds to the correct finger!



Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." Winston S. Churchill

If you've seen the recent film, Darkest Hour, you'll remember this phrase from the final credits.

SUCCESS is the theme for 2018 at The University of Life and this month as the school year finally settles into routine after carnival, our students will be studying different aspects of success.

We want the students to overcome the depression that poverty can so often bring, equipping them to be strong in their faith and resolve, even when their goals might seem impossible to achieve.



2 Corinthians 4:8-10

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

