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Dreambuilders

It costs \$40 per month to support a child in Brazil. Each month we will send you a child photo and story.

Oh How We Love New Books And School Supplies

With public schools in Brazil struggling to retain teaching staff and provide online classes, CBC has been one of the only local organizations providing learning and interaction for children online.

Materials to support learning at home are not provided by the public schools, and without computers, our children do virtually all their learning with books and paper. We are now providing monthly kits of learning materials which are being received with delight by our students.

We have realized that because our students have been so generous in sharing their goodies with their siblings and friends, the packs need to be more substantial and more frequent!

Again, we couldn't do this without you. We hope these pictures encourage you. Thank you for making these smiles possible.



Welcome Celeste



We are excited to welcome Celeste Agett to the CBC staff team in Virginia.

Celeste and her husband came to Brazil in 2006 on a mission trip with their church. She worked with the kids on dance and music ministry, and Chan-

dler (her husband) helped with some renovations and worked with the kids on computers/technology.

Together, they experienced firsthand the impact of CBC, it's heart for the children of Brazil, and the benefit to the teams who visit. Marc & Ruth attended Chandler & Celeste's wedding in 2007.



Celeste has worked in church administration, non-profit management, youth/children's ministry, and is a Christian arts teacher in Hampton Roads. She will be furthering the vision of CBC as our 'Donor Relations Manager', working in the office on Monday and Tuesday every week.

Celeste says, "I love how God brings people and treasured seasons back together to partner for His Kingdom! Our trip to Brazil gave me a deeper understanding of God's unique call to serve and love. I connected with those kids in a profound way, and they blessed my life and impacted my journey with Christ. I can't wait to connect more people to the ministry in Brazil as Donor Relations Manager."

One of Celeste's goals is to connect people to CBC as monthly Dreambuilders. "Re-occurring giving is absolutely the best way to support the children in Brazil and it enables us to give the best feedback to you as a donor. If you're not connected through monthly giving yet, I'm here to help."

If you have any questions about how CBC is currently helping children and families through the pandemic, or how you can serve and partner with the ministry, please contact Celeste at cbcoffice@thechannel.org or 757 244-6852.

NEW & COMING SOON - Sept 2021 Fitness For Freedom Fundraiser

We invite **YOU** to join a collective effort to walk, jog, hike, swim, bike, dance - 3,725 miles (the distance from the U.S. to Fortaleza) to bring awareness and funding for hundreds of children living in poverty in Fortaleza, Brazil.

Registration will open at the end of August. You can register as an individual or create a team and watch as all of our steps, miles and pledges add up. Any kind of exercise or physical activity counts!

Our 'Fitness For Freedom' campaign will be 15 days long, starting Labor Day, September 6th through to the 20th. During that time, you or your team will set a goal for the number of miles you would like to complete and how much you would like to fundraise. You will have your own fundraiser page with a link to send to friends to



encourage them to donate to your efforts.

The goal of this fundraiser is not only to raise support for CBC but to expand our reach and connect the next generation of partners that will advance God's mission for CBC. We are looking for 50 current partners to commit to joining us in this effort.

You can build a team with family, friends, co-workers, or your current fitness group. You can also take part as an individual. Please pray this month about how you can participate. Give us a call, send a message, or email <u>cbcof-</u> fice@thechannel.org if you would like more info.

Every step in your fitness challenge will help bring freedom to children living in poverty in Brazil. Thank you.

