

Brazil's new start

"If, by the end of my mandate, every Brazilian has food to eat three times a day, I shall have fulfilled my mission in life".

These were the words of the new president of Brazil, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, popularly known as Lula, in his inaugural speech on 01 January 2003. Some of Brazil's estimated 46 million citizens living on less than a dollar a day² are already benefiting from the ambitious *Programa Fome Zero* (Zero Hunger Programme) which was launched earlier this year in an attempt to realise this dream.

Lula, who, as a child, worked as a shoeshine boy and peanut seller before becoming the elected voice for the 100,000 - strong Metalworkers' Union in the mid 70s, became Brazil's first left-wing president in four decades. In what was his fourth attempt to win the presidency, his Worker's Party (PT), with their modified policies and image, beat the government-backed rival.

The *Fome Zero* scheme works on a system of credit vouchers which can be exchanged for food in pre-established stores, ensuring that the poorest Brazilians get three square meals a day. The vouchers are being distributed for an initial period of up to six months, which may be renewed twice thereafter.

Fome Zero is not simply a food vouchers programme; the food vouchers are just one of a series of policies and initiatives, including the provision of basic healthcare, school scholarships and school meals, a literacy campaign, land reform, drought programmes and the creation of jobs, all of which make up an all-out attack on poverty in Brazil to end hunger and ensure the social inclusion and equality of its poorest citizens.

Since April, the food vouchers have already reached 50 thousand families in 191 municipalities in the north-east of Brazil, with each family receiving R\$50 reais (approximately £10) of credit monthly.³

By the end of the year, *Fome Zero* should be on course to reach 1.5 million families, and it is hoped that the vouchers will eventually alleviate the struggle of 10 million families across Brazil.

"Our problem is not money. It is the redefinition of priorities. If we lack money, we will take it from something else and will end hunger in Brazil."⁴

Lula surprised many by the seriousness of his fight against poverty, when he delayed by a year an important arms deal which involved spending £450 million on the purchase of 12 fighter jets.⁵ Instead he chose to divert the funds to the *Fome Zero* programme, making social welfare the country's priority.

Lula's administration has received warm support from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, the latter providing loans worth \$505 million to financially support the social programme.

Brazilian supermodel, Giselle Bündchen, made a personal contribution of R\$50,000 (approx. £10,000) to the campaign as did British Formula 1's Frank Williams, who donated \$35,000 US dollars following his visit to Brazil for the last Formula 1 Gran Prix.

At the G8 summit in June this year, Lula made a courageous plea for action to combat famine through the creation of a global anti-poverty fund which he proposed should be financed by a tax on arms trade, so that the wealthiest countries contribute in proportion to their military spending. G8 countries account for 85% of the world's arms exports.⁶ Lula has suggested that Brazil's Zero Fome programme be used as a blueprint for such a fund.

The election of Lula has opened a new chapter in Brazil's history, and possibly the world's. As someone born poor, who knows what it is like to go hungry, he has become a symbol of expectation and hope to those living below the poverty line in Brazil.

We dedicate this issue of Task Brasil Trust Newsletter to Nadir Dinshaw, who passed away in December last year. Not only was Mr Dinshaw a committed supporter of TBT, he was also the very first person to ever sponsor a child, another reason why he was so special to us. Our thoughts and thanks go out to his family, especially to his daughter, Nali, who continues to support Task Brasil in his name.



THE STREET IS NO PLACE FOR CHILDREN LIKE PAMELA

2 1/2 year old Pamela arrived at Casa Jimmy in weak health after her parents found themselves having difficulty caring for her due to their drug addictions and their harsh lives on the streets of Rio. Pamela was born physically disabled. However, she does not let this disability impede her, and participates in the activities provided at Casa Jimmy with much enthusiasm. She gets on well with the other children and is a happy and very affectionate little girl. Since arriving at Casa Jimmy in March 2003, Pamela has already undergone a number of tests as an initial step for corrective treatment.

By pledging just 50p a day to Task Brasil, you could help give street children like Pamela a future.

You can choose to sponsor a child or teenage mother and baby at Casa Jimmy, a young boy at Epsom College Farm, or sponsor TBT Street Approach project which reaches out to those young people still living on the street.



CONTACT Task Brasil NOW AND REQUEST A SPONSOR A CHILD GUIDE, AND HELP GIVE A STREET CHILD A BETTER CHANCE IN LIFE. THESE CHILDREN NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

¹ Brazilian Embassy in London (www.brazil.org.uk/page.php?cid=1501)

² BBC news 30/01/03 (<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/2710797.stm>)

³ www.bbcbrasil.com (http://www.bbc.co.uk/portuguese/noticias/story/2003/07/030702_lulaon.shtml)

⁴ Folha de São Paulo (NEWS FROM BRAZIL N. 455 sejun1@

ax.apc.org <http://www.oneworld.org/sejun/455.htm>)

⁵ The Guardian, 04 January 2003

⁶ World Development Movement www.wdm.org.uk/campaign/eviancoateday2.htm

News from Brazil

Casa Jimmy has cared for over 250 children and pregnant teenagers and their babies from the streets of Rio since it opened in October 1998. With your help it can continue to take more children from the streets into a safe and secure home away from the violence, drugs and crime that has defined their lives.

Children at Casa Jimmy update:

Casa Jimmy is full to the brim with 18 children, 5 teenagers and their 3 babies which all makes for a happy chaos!

Bruninho continues to grow older and cheekier! He is a real performer; he loves telling stories, dancing and generally being the focus of attention, even if this just means having a big cuddle. He is still attending speech therapy and is doing well at school.

Bruna, Bruninho's twin, also craves physical contact and affection. She loves to play with her dolls and with the younger children as if she was their mother, and constantly asks when her own mother will next be coming to visit. She eats excessively as a form of emotional compensation. She continues to attend speech therapy and does well at school.

Romário, the twins' older brother, continues to have growth problems and undergoes nutrition treatment through medical supervision. However, his natural talent for sports goes from strength to strength. He is now enrolled in futsal and capoeira lessons and also trains at the Maracanã sports centre. Maracanã is the biggest stadium in the world and runs a sports centre training athletes from a very young age in many sport activities. He is also enrolled in Olympic gym at Fluminense Football Club. He is a lovely, polite, intelligent and warm boy. He has a scholarship in a nearby private school.

Cassiano is an active boy too, and loves football, flying kites, play fights and gymnastic lessons. He is now enrolled in futsal and capoeira lessons at the Maracanã sports centre. He has struggled to fit in at the local school where he was granted a scholarship earlier in the year, and is going through a difficult stage, as he contemplates a future with his mother or with an adopted family.

Wanderson, Cassiano's younger brother, loves playing with kites and marbles. He has presented a few problems in accepting limits preferring to do things his own way, but is a very affectionate child who loves to chat and ask questions. Both boys love receiving visits from their mother. Wanderson is also enrolled at the Maracanã synchronised swimming club and is doing well at school.

Bianca continues to be a soft-natured and chirpy little girl who is a joy to have around! She has, however, showed signs of becoming a little restless, asking for her Mother and Grandmother whose visits have become

infrequent lately. However, she is doing well at her new school which she moved up to from crèche earlier this year. She takes pride in her appearance and loves playing with dolls.

NEW ARRIVALS:

Iury who is just 18 months old arrived very undernourished to Casa Jimmy but he is making progress under medical supervision. Because he is so young, all the other children want to play with him and hold him, he revels in the attention and unfortunately, has also learnt how to milk it!

Giovanni and Vanessa Lourdes, brother and sister who arrived separately at Casa Jimmy. After Giovanni arrived Vanessa was transferred from another shelter to be with him. Although Giovanni was pleased to have his sister joining him they haven't lived together before so a normal sibling relationship is just beginning. Both are highly affectionate children and now attend school.

Lucas, Matheus and Samuel are three brothers who joined us in December of last year. Lucas is an intelligent child who is praised by his school teachers, but his anxiety for both himself and his brothers, and his sadness because he misses his mother, means he is often distracted and sometimes refuses to go to school or to the sports activities he is enrolled in. He is being seen by a psychologist. His brother Matheus also presents some difficulties and although often very affectionate, he can be aggressive towards the other children due to frustration at his situation. Matheus is also enrolled at the Maracanã synchronised swimming club and has been selected as part of the team to represent the club. Unfortunately, Matheus is presenting behavioural problems at school. Their four year old brother, **Samuel**, is calm and loving, gets on well with the other children in the house and is never too far away from his older brothers.

Ronald and Alexandra have adapted well to life at Casa Jimmy since they arrived in February 2003. Their parents are trying their best to create suitable conditions to look after the children and their visits are received by Ronald and Alexandra with great delight, despite being rather jealous of their new born sister! Alexandra is also enrolled at ballet and doing well at the daily crèche she goes to.

Matheus Lucas returned to Casa Jimmy when reintegration with his mother did not work. This time he was also joined by his younger sister **Gabriela** who is very affectionate and calm. She loves playing with dolls, misses her mother but still shows signs of depression. Matheus is having difficulty in accepting once again that he is far away from his mother and can be difficult. However, he is a very communicative child and loves to play with the other children. Their mother continues in her efforts to put her life on track and is currently seeking work.

Pamela is another child who has returned to Casa Jimmy following an unsuccessful attempt at reintegration. She was born with a physical disability in her left leg and Casa Jimmy has started looking into the possibility of corrective surgery. She arrived back in poor health but is a happy, bright child who does not let her physical disability deter her appetite for fun.

Anderson was previously in Task Brasil's care until he went to spend a weekend with his mother and never returned. He is now at Casa Jimmy again after being found on the streets. His mother is in prison. He is a lovely child who adores playing with children of his age and won the affections of his headmaster at school who even came and paid him a special visit at Casa Jimmy!

Wellington is currently being adopted.

We are thrilled to announce the adoptions of three children previously in our care; **Bruno do Céu, Lucas and Tamires**. Tamires was one of Casa Jimmy's first residents, spending over four years at the house. Bruno lived at Casa Jimmy over three years. We often worried about their futures. Finally and fortunately, two suitable families have been found. Bruno is now living on the outskirts of Rio with his new family; his father (who is a retired fireman), his mother and four new brothers! Tamires was finally adopted by an American couple who have homes both in the US and in Brazil and it is hoped she will be raised in both countries. Lucas arrived in Casa Jimmy in 2002 with an unknown past. His new father works for the armed forces. He now also has a brother of similar age and has adapted well.

While Bruno, Lucas and Tamires are sadly missed by all the staff and children, we wish them and their families the happiness they so deserve.

TEENAGERS UPDATE:

Naura and her son **Luán Sergio** have been relocated back to Naura's home state, Rondônia, where they are now living with her father and with her grandmother close by. We are pleased to say that both are well. Naura is very committed to a positive new start and has already enrolled in formal school and an IT course.



Karine arrived at Casa Jimmy earlier this year, and gave birth to her son **Natan**, in April. Karine is a dynamic girl who is well-liked by the other teenagers. However, she is slightly rebellious to authority and sometimes needs assistance in caring for **Natan**. She is enrolled at school and doing well

Karine will possibly start a Young Apprenticeship Project where she works part-time and receives half of the minimum wage. It is hoped that she and her son will soon be reintegrated with her family.

Débora has had some difficulties accepting the responsibility of caring for her two young children, Yan and Luán, but is making progress and her co-operation with staff is improving. She loves watching films, (especially those featuring António Banderas!), reading magazines and offering her opinions on society. She goes to school and does well.

Darlyn is a recent arrival to Casa Jimmy. A recent pregnancy test proved negative but we are looking into her case to consider allowing her to stay at the project due to her poor relationship with her family. She is intelligent, cooperative and helpful. She demonstrates a great desire to study and loves drawing.

Daiana is growing fast and approaching the age of 16. While rebellious and outspoken, at the same time she's intelligent and hard-working. We are pleased that Daiana is now attending school and doing well. Daiana hopes to start a Young Apprenticeship Project soon. Her family relationship is very unstable and she is very upset about it. Recently she showed a great interest in finding her father who she has never known.

Josiane arrived pregnant at Casa Jimmy late in 2002 and her baby Carlos Manoel, was born soon after her arrival. After learning that her mother had moved and did not want to stay in contact, Josiane became very upset, running away to her father's house and later leaving there to live in a favela. Maria Terezinha, the paternal Grandmother of Carlos Manoel, offered her accommodation, but Josiane was unable to adapt and ran away again. Due to all the upheaval Carlos spent time in hospital recovering from ill health before being placed in another shelter. There he is being visited by Maria who is discussing with the Juvenile Judge the possibility of obtaining guardianship.

Epsom College Farm Update

Thanks to the great commitment of the students and teachers at Epsom College (UK), Task Brasil is getting closer to the opening of Epsom College Farm. We are very grateful to the British Embassy small grants fund for financing the first unit, Forest House, which will accommodate 10 boys.

As part of Task Brasil's "Give Hands" programme, the farm will enable 10 to 14-year-old boys eager for a new chance in life who have been referred by Rio de Janeiro's Young Offenders Prison and/or Task Brasil's Street Approach, the opportunity for personal development and self improvement in a productive environment away from the streets.

The vegetable gardens at the farm are proving to be abundant and weekly harvests mean that the children at Casa Jimmy are provided with lots of fresh fruit and vegetables!

The new farm manager, Philippe Hamoniaux, has been working at Epsom College Farm on a full-time basis since the beginning of August. As a volunteer, Philippe created the farm management plan from November 2002 until June 2003 while in the UK. He is an experienced organic farmer and looking forward to putting his ideas into practice!



Ecotour Organic Farming Experience

You can join Task Brasil in this rewarding ecological working holiday! - Task Brasil's exciting Ecotour Organic Farming Experience, helping to improve the future prospects of street teenage boys from Rio de Janeiro in a farm 90 km North East of the city.

The Ecotour Organic Farming Experience will give you the opportunity to be instrumental in changing these boys' futures whilst keeping the farm running successfully.

We are looking for people who in addition to raising funds towards their trip and the project, are not afraid of hard work and being interested in having the opportunity to visit Task Brasil's other projects for street children in Rio and the end of the week enjoying a hard earned rest in the *Marvellous city of Rio*.

The first trip will leave the UK on the 31st October 2003 and more tours are planned for March, June and October 2004. For further information please contact the Task Brasil office on 020 7394 1177 or register your interest through the website on www.taskbrasil.org.uk.



We are pleased to announce that the Trial trip, at the beginning of August, was extremely successful. We would like to thank so much, Charlotte Dickens, Michelle Matthew, James Forbes-Robertson and

Christopher Webb for their great support, enthusiasm, time and hard work.

The Street Approach is running once again, offering street children positive alternatives and the help they need to help themselves. Karla the new supervisor is working on streets with Marcus, a capoeira teacher and plans are underway for the "Casa Roger Turner" Day Centre and overnight shelter.

Casa Charlotte

Task Brasil is very grateful to Steve Stovall for his donation in 2002 which enabled the purchase of land and eight apartments next door to Casa Jimmy. The purchase took effect from 28th July 2002.

Building refurbishment in two of the apartments has started and will accommodate 10 pregnant young girls, teenage mothers and their babies. At the beginning of August, Task Brasil's professional team met with Mr Wagner Siqueira, Rio's Secretary for the Social Welfare Department. Mr Siqueira, has committed his full support towards Casa Charlotte in order to extend the existing partnership with Casa Jimmy.

Trustee visit - in March, Casa Jimmy had the pleasure of a visit from Lady Charlotte Petsopoulos, one of Task Brasil's trustees, and her son Eric. Charlotte spent a great deal of time practising her Portuguese with the children and teenagers who are very fond of her and Eric found a firm friend in Cassiano. Charlotte and Eric's visit also included a trip to Epsom College Farm where they were shown around the future house sites and went on a short walk to a nearby waterfall.

Back at Casa Jimmy, Charlotte was able to have a close look at what will be the future Casa Charlotte, a home for pregnant teenage girls and young teenage mothers.



Volunteers, Donations and Visitors at Task Brazil Projects in Rio

A big thank you to **Andrew Smith and Lee Smith** for lending us their building skills earlier this year. Andrew and Lee were able to do some work on the farm courtesy of **SWAY Plc** and **Jon Maguire**, who kindly funded their flights to Brazil. Whilst at Epsom College farm they were able to tile the roof of one of the existing houses as well as build a dividing wall in the house.

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Tonbridge School in Kent, UK. The school's efforts raised £1300 for Task Brasil and they visited Casa Jimmy while on a football tour of Argentina and Brazil. The group also painted the sports court wall and the teenagers' bedroom.

Rotary Club - In March, Task Brasil was delighted to receive members of the Rotary Club at Casa Jimmy to celebrate the completion of work that was possible thanks to their US\$22,000 donation.



Island Escape cruise by First Choice

In April, children and teenagers were invited onboard ship to receive the donation of 2 computers, thanks to the efforts of Island Escape staff.



Ty Celyn Youth Centre Visit

Between the 21st and the 30th July, Casa Jimmy had a very special visit from members of the youth centre based in Cardiff, Wales. The youth group worked very hard prior to their visit and raised over £7,000 for Task Brasil through lots of fundraising initiatives. On arrival at Casa Jimmy, they helped to clear space for a new wall to be built on the land close to the apartments that are soon to become Casa Charlotte. The group also provided the key workers with a great deal of crucial support.

The children loved the presents that the group brought for them and enjoyed having them at Casa Jimmy.

Task Brasil would like to extend a warm thank you to the leaders of the group Andrew Morris, Trisha Billimore and Trevor Billimore for their hard work and efforts. Also a huge thank you to the group: Khalid Ahmed, Musdafa Essa, Nadine Thomas, Robert Harvey, Sada Roberts, Anthonie Ali and Nathan Evans who are volunteers/members of Butetown Youth Centre. Last but not least, the young people who are members of Ty Celyn Youth Centre, Louise

O'Gorman, Joseph Owen, Paul Clark, Christian Hanbury, Nathan Sullivan, Claire Millar, Steven Macey, Hannah Kilroy, Hannah Pring and Leah Seltzer.

Farm in Teresópolis



Thanks to a very generous offer from Mark Cooper, the children and teenagers at Casa Jimmy will have access to a small piece of farm land near Teresopolis, Brazil, as a holiday location.

The land is about 29,000 square metres in area, with a river on one side and there is a large waterfall/cataract. Just above and below the cataract are two large pools, ideal for the children and teenagers to go swimming in.

The land also has virgin rain forest. Task Brasil would like to say a big thank you again to Mark Cooper.

Glamorgan University

Dr. Jonathan Andrew Ware was the organiser of the two-week trip by students of Glamorgan University and was instrumental in the work the group achieved at Casa Charlotte, the new home for teenager girls. Jonathan James Corcoran, Richard Peter Wand, Patrick Myall, Serdouf Mohammed A. Kabir and Michael J Bowen, as well as Dr. Jonathan Andrew, were involved in the hard work of sanding and painting all the walls of one of the houses as well as corrective damp proof work on one of the internal walls. Stephanie Perkins and Sarah D Kemmery were really patient and did really well in looking after children at Casa Jimmy. The group also visited Epsom College Farm, the Street Approach and took children and teenagers on day trips to an Amusement Park, Sugar Loaf Mountain and the Corcovado.



Christmas at Casa Jimmy was a very happy day organised by Prudential staff.

Children and teenagers had an amazing Christmas and were donated Xmas gifts by **Mr Marcio Reis from Sete Rios** company.

Escola Eduardo Guimaraes

for children with disabilities, under the supervision of Lorena, organised for a team of 22 children and teachers to paint Casa Jimmy's babies' room, children's cots and the teenagers' bedroom. They spent two days working hard at Casa Jimmy and had a well deserved dive in the swimming pool at the end.



Action for Street Children - BA Runners

- Task Brasil is very much looking forward to the next visit of the BA Runners, the volunteers who participate in the  Action for Street Children scheme who, during their days off, go around the world visiting projects for street children with the aim of giving street children happy moments they will remember.

In October for one week, the runners will be visiting Task Brasil's projects, 2 shelters run by Rio's local Council, 1 Day Centre for girls, 1 Creche in a very poor community and the Juvenile Offenders Prison.

Placements in Brazil

The volunteers on placement in Brazil continue to make an invaluable contribution to Task Brasil, helping with the day-to-day running of Casa Jimmy and using their skills to provide the children and teenagers with a range of activities from Spelling and Recorder lessons to Yoga and Art! They have also been busy preparing for the opening of Epsom College Farm, and working with Rio's neglected children on the Street Approach Programme.

This year, we were lucky enough to have the help of Heike Gufler, Gina Cooper, Zoë O'Flynn, Ellie Cameron, Caitlin Griffin, Frank Maddin, Leon Pearson, Kate Clark, Emma Ahlas, David Salpeter, Aisling Flanagan, Candice D'Silva, Beatriz Rodríguez Cordero, Allegra Machiavelli, Daniel Hamner, Lauren Hopkins and Keith Mein helping on the projects. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment. You will be sadly missed by the children.

We would like to congratulate Kate Clark and Aisling, long serving volunteers in Brazil. Kate organized a very successful African Latin themed Salsa night in Dublin in April 2002, raising funds towards her placement. She promoted the event through various forms

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of advertising and managed to achieve free drinks for the evening through company promotions while bringing on board DJs and jugglers to compliment an enticing evening. We also would like to thank Aisling's mum, friends and family for their efforts in raising money towards the projects while both were in Brazil.

Aisling continued her fundraising commitment while in Brazil and was able to raise over US\$400 towards the purchase of the Epsom College Farm van. We are all thankful for Aisling's valuable support and hard work during her stay at Casa Jimmy.

David Salpeter is back in the US and will also be greatly missed by all at Casa Jimmy. David's high commitment and IT skills were invaluable. David was tireless in his availability to meet all the needs of the projects. Caitlin Griffin, back in the UK, has managed to persuade a local nappy company to donate £400 worth of nappies for the children and babies at Casa Jimmy. Thanks a lot Caitlin!

TBT very much welcomes Amy Eleftheriades, who is a very experienced social worker and has already proved to be of amazing help and a highly committed volunteer at Casa Jimmy and thanks Amanda Silva Campos and Elisa Herrera for their on-going support.

We look forward to receiving Ellen Cornelis, Andrea Sanke, Joanna Natasegara, Guyan Mitra and Maria Constantinou before the end of the year!

News from the UK

Task Brasil New Trustees

We would like to announce that Task Brasil has approached five new trustees to join the charity who have been asked to join based on their skills, experience and long-term support. We believe they will compliment our existing Trustee board to the benefit of the charity's development. Hence please extend a warm welcome to:

- Duncan J.F. Innes, Partner of Marriott Hanson Solicitors
- Paul Sutcliffe, Ernst & Young, Senior Manager, Technology, Communications and Entertainment
- Lisa Atkin, Entrepreneur and events organizer
- Geoff Want, BA Director of Safety, Security and Environment
- Carlos Rache, Client Director Global Asset Management

Staff & Volunteers in the UK - Task Brasil welcomes Nazanin Shirani, the UK Programme Officer, who started full-time in January and was joined in March by Kathryn Matthews who has taken the role of UK Operations Officer. This means that the office in the UK has more time to concentrate on fundraising initiatives to support the new and existing projects in Brazil.

Task Brasil would like to thank so much all those who were not mentioned but have given a great deal of support to the projects. We would especially like to mention:

Kevin Creed for his continued support helping with the accounts input.

Christine Walker for her untiring enthusiasm and wonderful fundraising initiatives which have raised over £1,300 for Task Brasil!

Tristan Smith whose support in the office we couldn't do without.

Deborah Shepherd and **Martin Norman** for a wonderful night of music at their "Battle of the Bands" fundraising event in Letchworth.

Yvonne, Ajay and **David** for organising some top fundraising nights out at Bar Solo, Camden Town!

Other stars! **Yuka** for taking on the database, **David Sarras** for his unfaltering commitment and for his expertise in setting up a complete database to suit TBT's needs; **Alice Almeida, Célia Costa Freeman, Gemma Roberts, Marina Gomes, Rozeli Campos, Giselle Castro, Rosa Dias, Ajay Rajani, Yvonne Struthers, Manoj Jangra, Roberto Falero, Isabel Neto, Chris Hart, Giselle Castro, Ana Paula, Sophie Keith, Kerley Farias, Roberto, Flavia Thome, Elza Xavier, Roland Playle, Simon Cox, Leslie Davies, Lisa Dobinson, Mariello de Souza, Joe Painter, Elaine Clarke, Lee Pringle** and many others.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have made our presence possible (and felt!) at the following events: Gilberto Gil and Maria Betanhia concert, Carlinhos Brown and Joyce concert, Sepultura concert, The Coin Street Festival, Notting Hill Carnival.

Samba Christmas Party 2002 and 10th Anniversary



On 2nd December 2002, Task Brasil celebrated its 10th Anniversary and teamed up with ABC Trust holding a successful event in aid of projects for children in Brazil at the Elysium on Regent Street, London. The event was sponsored by Gibson Guitars, supported by Carlton TV. TBT is very grateful to the kind support of DJ's Dean Lima-Moore and Mark Taylor and the bands: Nina Miranda & Chris; Cida de Assis & Band; Samburá; Paraiso School of Samba.

The event raised over £20,000 for Task Brasil and ABC Trust's projects and was organised by Nathalie Smith, director of Task Brasil in the USA, and was hosted by Jimmy Page and Jimena Page. It was supported by celebrities such as Iron Maiden, Steve Coogan, Simply Red and Michelle Collins to name a few. Task Brasil and ABC are both extremely grateful to everyone involved in the preparation and the night itself.

BRITISH AIRWAYS continues to provide essential support to Task Brazil through allocations and special discount flights.

Task Brasil was also invited to participate in the British Airways Community partners Open Day last December, which proved to be a very enjoyable and rewarding day for Task Brasil. The Task Brasil team was able to chat to BA staff and in the process a BA employee, Keith Mein, was even recruited to spend two weeks volunteering at Casa Jimmy!

Special Donations

- Beryl Eeman Charitable Trust, £4,000
- The Strathspey Charitable Trust, £1,000
- The Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust £2,000 towards Epsom College Farm equipment and tools

On the 25th September, a unique **Gibson Les Paul guitar** signed and played by **Jimmy Page** and other famous rock stars, will be auctioned in aid of Task Brasil and ABC Trust at 4pm, Cooper Owen's Gallery, 23 Denmark Street, London, WC2H. Viewing will take place on the 24th from 11am-4pm and on the 25th from 10am-2pm. (www.coopero wen.com)

ABC Trust In April 2003 ABC Trust pledged to fund £12,000 towards the salary of the Coordinator and staff training in Brazil. Task Brasil is delighted to have received the first £6,000 instalment.

Charity Xmas dinner 2002 raised Task Brasil £8,660. We would like to extend a warm thank you to Sean Hicks and his team's efforts.

The Flora London Marathon 2003

In 2003, Task Brasil were fortunate enough to have 3 individual runners in addition to 14 Golden Bond runners, who raised money through their Marathon sponsorship.

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We are hugely grateful to Alistair Ray, Audrey McGovern, Becky Newell, Damian Cronin, Emily Gelson, Gill Kenny, Graziela Cajado-Ogland, Jeremy Stephenson, John Graham, Jon Stone, Luca Cicalese, Malcolm Fry, Michael Ryan, Michelle Major and Scott Walker for all the effort (and pain!) that went not only into running the 26 miles, but also raising collectively over £11,000 in sponsorship! WELL DONE!

Special congratulations go to top fundraisers Alistair and Michael who raised a magnificent £3,528 between them and to Becky Newell (non - Golden Bond) for raising £1,265.

We are grateful to the Journey Latin American (www.journeylatinamerica.co.uk) for once again having provided sponsorship and to Real Runner for helping us recruit our runners (www.realrunner.com)

Very Special People, to name a few

Jimmy Page, Capt. Steven and Rosemary Timms, Roger Turner, Irene Cowling ...

We are currently recruiting runners for the Flora London Marathon 2004. Please contact TBT office or visit www.taskbrasil.org.uk for details of how you could get involved!

The Royal Navy



HMS Lancaster was loaded with essential donated items for Casa Jimmy as the Royal Navy once again showed their commitment. The ship and crew are expected to arrive at Casa Jimmy in November. If time allows they will rebuild a bridge at Epsom College Farm.

Task Brasil is honoured to receive the visit at Casa Jimmy of First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sir Alan West, KCB, DSC, ADC and his wife Lady Rosemary West accompanied by the British Naval Attaché Capt. Steve Timms scheduled for 26th September.

Bless Spreading hope, changing lives

A new charity initiative was launched on the 20th May 2003 at the Dali Universe. Bless was set up under the auspices of Sway Plc (www.swayplc.com) and Jon Maguire with the primary aim of bringing the whole IFA (the Independent Financial Advisors) sector together (IFAs, providers and suppliers alike) to raise over £1 million for charities on an annual basis.

For 2003 the selected charity is ABC Trust. Bless and ABC are committed to Task Brasil's projects and we wish Bless great success www.bless-ifa.com

Looking for a place to stay in Rio?

...over New Year or Carnival 2004 (February)

If you are planning to go to the marvellous city of Rio de Janeiro, why not enjoy yourself on a budget and simultaneously support a great cause?

Casa Jimmy will open its doors for the first time to offer budget Bed & Breakfast accommodation to people coming to Rio over both periods. The children and teenagers will be going to the farm in Teresopolis on holiday so they can get a well deserved break too! The money raised from renting out rooms at Casa Jimmy will go towards the essential maintenance work that needs to be carried out on an annual basis.

If you would like to stay at Casa Jimmy over New year or Carnival then please contact the Task Brasil office and register your interest.

Task Brasil in the USA

On the 7th June 2003, Task Brasil Inc in the USA had its first fundraising party! It was a packed family event, lots of music, dancing, arts and crafts. The money raised will go towards the projects in Rio de Janeiro.

Task Brasil is trying hard to raise awareness and funds in the USA and has managed to make progress through the efforts and hard work of Task Brasil's trustee Lady Charlotte Petsopoulos. The US child sponsors is slowly creeping up so well done Task Brasil Inc!

If you are in the USA and would like to Sponsor a Child or would like to make a donation then please email us at: donations_us@taskbrasil.org

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