

2007 has been a successful and eventful year for Task Brasil, peppered with events and parties to raise much needed funds and to celebrate our achievements. However, nothing would have been achieved without the help of our dedicated supporters and fundraisers. Thanks to you, for example, we are able to provide more beds in Casa Roger Turner, so more children can benefit from the much needed care that Task Brasil offers. We are working at full capacity in our other houses, filling spaces almost as soon as children are adopted or reunited with their families.

Education and training

A key aim of Task Brasil is for children to gain a school education and learn vocational skills that they can use later on in life. Children and teenagers at Task Brasil's projects attend school and participate in activities and courses that they would not have had the opportunity to do before entering Task Brasil homes.

Luiz Henrique for example, who lives on Epsom College Farm, attended a cookery course at the beginning of the year and, with Carlos Felipe and Carlos Renato, is now attending a fireman's course three afternoons a week.

Leeds Latin American Women's group very kindly donated £200. Mrs Torres, after visiting Casa Jimmy with her husband, sent us a very generous donation of R\$ 2,000 to help cover some of the running costs of the projects together with some delicious Easter Eggs for all the children and teenagers.

Jimmy Page, Led Zeppelin's rock icon, has very generously donated tickets to the forthcoming massively popular Led Zeppelin reunion concert at London's O2 Arena, in memory of late Atlantic Records founder, Ahmet Ertegun.

Generous gifts

At the beginning of 2007 Animalia Clinica Veterinaria's clients donated food, toys, cleaning products and more, thanks to a campaign organised by Renato Costa.

The boys at Casa Roger Turner are now newly clad in trainers, thanks to Caroline Bekin's kind donation of £125, and are proudly sporting Manchester United and Real Madrid football shirts, sent by Andrea Grainger. Andrea said *'The lads were really happy, I don't think they believed I would actually get them.'*

Meanwhile, Casa Jimmy is benefiting from new water filters, four ceiling fans and an industrial pressure cooker thanks to the generosity of Janine Dance.

The children have been channelling their musical talents into drumming, following the inventive gift of drums from Turner Parker Solicitors.



This gift has provided us with a hugely appreciated fundraising opportunity, and the sums raised will be used generally to benefit Casa Jimmy and the other Task Brasil projects. These tickets have now raised thousands of pounds for Task Brasil including a pair of tickets auctioned at eBay - missionfish which raised an amazing amount of £26,223 (\$53,000)

Guitar makers Gibson, have generously donated to Task Brasil guitars signed by Denny Laine, former guitarist of bands Wings and The Moody Blues, and Joey Molland of rock band Badfinger.

We are indebted to the British and US navies, who have shown huge support for the children of Task Brasil. HMS Endurance transported toys and computers to the children, while the crew of HMS Dumberton Castle, HMS Edinburgh, HMS

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GUANABARA



Exeter, USS Samuel B Robert and USS Philippine Sea visited Task Brasil's houses. The sailors carried out much needed work, clearing areas of land, painting and mending electrics.

Many thanks to Mrs Mandy Dobson and Mrs



Julie Anderson who were indispensable to the organisation of this assistance

In Rio, food was donated to the children of Task Brasil having been collected at a Marilyn Manson concert and a Funk party organised by the Fundação Progresso (200 kg), the International Christian School (150kg) and Banco Rio de Alimentos.

The Led Zeppelin tribute band, Black Dog, donated over 850 kilos of beans, rice and sugar at concerts organised at the Circo Voador, Heavy Duty Bar and Nectar in Rio. Our thanks go out to Lula Zeppeliano, president of the Led Zeppelin fan club in Rio, who was responsible for organising the events.

Madeleine Peyroux nominated Task Brasil as the chosen charity to be present at her concert in Rio at the Municipal Theatre on 26th September and is personally donating \$2,400. Task Brasil has been fortunate to receive continuous support from several trusts, including Paget Trust, The Marr Munning

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Generous gifts

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Trust, Bryan Guinness Charity Trust, A& S Burton Trust, the Emerging Markets Benefit Ltd and ABC Trust.

The American charity based in Brazil, Dreams Can Be, has secured a number of valuable child sponsors for Task Brasil's projects.

EMBL, the Emerging Markets Benefit Ltd, once again nominated Task Brasil as the recipient for proceeds from their 2007 ball in October. Task Brasil was grateful for the valuable prizes, of the kind money cannot buy, donated by Jimmy Page, Gibson, Denny Laine of The Moody Blues and Wings, and Joey Molland and the fantastic support of Cindy Bond in the US. In 2007, EMBL donated £75,000 (\$150,000) of urgently needed funds, earlier in the year.

The British and Commonwealth Society in Rio invited Task Brasil to a fun day for the British School's Anniversary where funds were raised to buy some pigs for Epsom College Farm and the teenagers sold some of their craft-work. Thanks to the support given by Mrs Byers, Robert Barclay and some generous members, the society gave Task Brasil R\$ 1,510 and we now receive a monthly donation of R\$ 150.

"Welcome to Rio day" was another event where the Task Brasil teenagers sold their work. Our participation was thanks to the Union Church association.

Patricia Drew has been using her artistic talents to enrich the lives of the Task Brasil children by painting the babies' room in Casa Jimmy with the help of Agata who lives in the house.

Thanks to Michael Tuckwell's fundraising efforts, the boys at Epsom College Farm have two new computers. He also represented Task Brasil at Bristol University's Wills Hall Ball. Task Brasil was the grateful beneficiary of funds raised by the Ball. The boys' bedrooms are now equipped with high quality fans given by the Arkansas University group (USA), following their visit to the farm.

Miss Helen Malone very kindly left over £26,000 to Task Brasil in her will.

Wilson Sons has just donated R\$40,000.

Remembering Task Brasil in your will is a hugely beneficial way to support Task Brasil and helps to ensure that our work continues long into the future. If you are interested in remembering Task Brasil in your will, whether you are in the UK or North America, please contact us for details.

Students support children

English language schools in Rio, Cultura Inglesa and Britannia, have been offering their support to Task Brasil. Cultura Inglesa has been running a campaign to collect clothes for Task Brasil and Task Brasil's activities were presented to the students who showed a great interest in our work. Britannia is running a competition for students to create Christmas gifts, the best of which will be given to the Task Brasil children. We also receive the proceeds from students' enrollment fee that the school matches.

Ten pupils from the Nossa Senhora do Monte Calvario school near Casa Jimmy came to do paintings for the children. Paintings were exhibited at the London School of Economics to publicise Task Brasil's projects.

The International Christian School in Rio has invited Task Brasil to join their Family Fun Fest in November. They have recently kindly donated amongst other things food and clothes and a presentation on Task Brasil was made to the school. Eight students taught clay sculpture to the Task Brasil boys and shared a healthy feijoada with the Task Brasil teenagers who had a very enjoyable time thanks to Mrs Sherita Paiman and Mrs Maj-Britt Nordholm-Hoejskov.

Students from Glamorgan University along with Professor Andrew Ware enjoyed a 'magnificent two weeks' with Task Brasil in Rio and on the farm. This is the third trip the University has made and we are extremely appreciative of their generous donations, including a washing machine, sofas, paint, DVDs for the houses and memorable trips to a restaurant and theme parks for the teenagers. Rhidian Jones is matching funds with his company for maintenance work at the farm.

Epsom College continues its invaluable support for Forest House and Epsom College Farm, sponsoring some of the teenagers at Epsom College Farm, and making a significant contribution towards the running costs of Forest House. In addition, British schools, the Dragon School and Colet Court St Paul's Preparatory School both raised money for Task Brasil.

Corporate Support Task Brasil Bashes

Our trustee, Paul Sutcliffe, nominated Task Brasil as a beneficiary of Ernst and Young's fundraising for the Corrida do Bem campaign in Rio.

IPR Group of Companies together with family and friends kindly gave donations in memory of Herb Keener.

Audley Travel sponsors two children and donated the smart new marquee that we use for events in the UK.

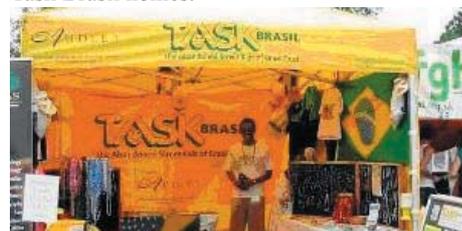
Banco do Brasil employees in London collected £146 and Turner Parker Solicitors donated money to buy Samba School Instruments for Casa Roger Turner.

Our friends at e-xcellent Health have held two fundraising parties and got very wet as they completed the 22 mile Great River Race on the Thames in London, to raise substantial and much needed funds for Task Brasil projects.



We welcomed Chris and Joe from e-xcellent Health together with other participants on the October 2007 Ecotour.

All those who have been fundraising for Task Brasil this year have been full of enthusiasm, success and creativity. On the other side of the Atlantic Task Brasil had a stall at London's Rise Festival, Europe's biggest, free, anti-racist festival. Despite the terrible weather, our brave Task Brasil representatives managed to raise £100 and grab the public's attention and interest with our colourful stand. The summer rain also threatened other festivals such as WOMAD, Carnival de Cuba and Carnival del Pueblo, but our stoic team saw the weather through and put Task Brasil in the limelight. The first Brazil festival in London's Willesden Green drew lots of interest and customers who walked away with new purchases of beautiful jewellery made by the Task Brasil teenagers and flip-flops decorated by them. The teenagers themselves will receive a percentage of the income, put away for them until they leave the Task Brasil homes.



If you too would like to buy something made by the children, go to our website www.taskbrasil.org.uk to order presents.

Hellos and Goodbyes

We bid sad farewells to Sophie Keith and Jackie Bowles from the London office and Isabella in Rio and thank them very much for their dedicated, hard work. We welcome our new fundraising officer Neil Sutcliffe and our new volunteer and events coordinator Portia Asquith. We express our immense gratitude to Haddy Jadama, our long-term and invaluable volunteer, who has been our administrative assistant between June and November 2007. Elaine Derbyshire also joined our London team in 2007 as HR coordinator. In Brazil we warmly welcome Luis Soibelman as our new HR and Operational coordinator. We are very pleased to welcome Colonel Ralph Ashenhurst, former British Royal Defence Attache in Brazil, as a new trustee.

Guests in Brazil

We were very pleased to welcome the Lady Mayoress of London Mrs Lesley Stuttard, who donated much needed sheets, pillows and mattresses to Casa Jimmy. Jenny Byers, President of the British and Commonwealth Society and Chris Wood, British Government secretary, also paid welcome visits to Casa Jimmy.



In March, a 30-strong group from Arkansas University visited Epsom College Farm, where they took part in an organic farming session. They kindly gave presents to the boys and the money they donated went towards buying much needed fans for the house.

Gale Jenkinson and the new HM Consul-General in Rio de Janeiro, Tim Flear, were welcomed to Casa Jimmy.

New British Defense Attache in Brazil, Captain Willie Dobson, and his wife Mandy, renewed the Royal Navy support for Task Brasil when visiting the projects in January.

What the children have been up to

Activities that the Task Brasil children are involved in are wide and varied. When not attending the opening of the Para Pan Americano games, some of the boys went to a high-profile ceremony at the impressive Camara Municipal in Rio de Janeiro, where Ligia Costa Leite was awarded a medal in recognition of her 35 years of work with street children. Cinema, theatre and circus trips and watching football matches are all part of the full entertainment schedule of the children. Ligia has given valuable counselling and support to the boys at Casa Roger Turner since 2006

Run!

Congratulations to all those who ran in the 2007 London Flora Marathon. Thanks to all of your fundraising efforts, you raised over £16,000 for the children of Task Brasil.

Take part in the 2008 London Flora Marathon and run for Task Brasil. We have 10 Golden Bond Places so contact us if you wish to run. If you were lucky to get a place through the ballot you can still raise money for Task Brasil.

Thank you to all those who ran for Task Brasil in other events, including amongst others the Dublin Marathon, Great Capital Run, Great Manchester Run, Great North Run, Melbourne Marathon, New York Marathon, Rio Marathon and the Run London event.

If you fancy running any of these or other events and raise money for TBT, we would love to hear from you.

Inspiring Volunteers

We rely a great deal on our dedicated volunteers. Be it working in the London office, talking to the public about Task Brasil's work at music festivals or setting up fundraising fashion shows, our volunteers are committed and very much appreciated!

Debora Shepherd in Scotland continued to organise creative fundraising events, raising well over £2,000 (\$4,000).

Jonathan and Marcia and Susan and Peter celebrated their weddings and instead of receiving presents asked guests to make donations to Task Brasil, raising in total almost £2,000 (\$4,000).

Special volunteers we would like to thank who have given much of their time to Task Brasil include Christine Walker, James Rorrison, David Sarras, Jackie Bowles, Linda Walsh, Louis Levin and Rosie Samuel. In the US, Jasmine Lee. In Brazil, Wagner Freitas.

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Or call us on: 020 7735 5545
www.taskbrasil.org.uk

Limited tickets so contact us now!

In the USA

Once again, Moneygram donated towards Task Brasil projects, this year they contributed US\$10,000 to Casa Roger Turner.

Robin Malki and Charlotte Petsopoulos, Task Brasil Inc directors, donated and sent to Rio many brand new t-shirts, especially manufactured for the charity, for Task Brasil's children and teenagers to wear.

Children of Casa Jimmy

Casa Jimmy, named after Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page, has been a home for over 370 children since it was set up in 1998. Casa Jimmy is a house for young children up to six years of age and accommodates up to 15 children. Its success can be measured by the fact that over 80% of the children have either been reunited with their families, or adopted or still live at the house. At Casa Jimmy, as at all our homes, the staff and volunteers provide a safe and loving environment whilst also ensuring the children receive the health care and education that they deserve.

Annual festivals always provide a reason to bring everyone together to celebrate. Children, teenagers, volunteers, members of staff and donors celebrated Christmas 2006 with a party. Christmas carols were sung and everyone enjoyed the occasion, which was made possible thanks to support from Gouvea Vieira Advogados who donated clothes to the children, Maiko and Wilson Sons who donated towards the Christmas meal and Sr. Dino Father Christmas who gave presents to all the children.



New Year and Easter dinners were relished by all the Task Brasil children. August saw the traditional Julina festival which celebrates harvest and this year took place at Epsom College Farm as well as Casa Jimmy. Dressing up, traditional food and games were the ingredients of a successful day.

Since November 2006, at least eleven Casa Jimmy children have either started living with their families again or have been adopted.

UK staff, Neil and Portia, spent a week in November experiencing the Brazil side of Task Brasil first-hand, visiting Epsom College Farm, Casa Jimmy and Casa Roger Turner. They were joined by Amy Banks, Chris Fordyce, Beverley Morgan-Davies and June Parson from British Airways - Action for Street Children (AFSC) who arrived bearing toys, clothes, face paints, balloons, a very generous donation and much more for the children.

On Friday 9th November '07 Casa Jimmy celebrated its nine year anniversary. All the Task Brasil children celebrated together at Casa Jimmy with children from other shelters in Rio. The hot November Rio sun beat down on excited children running around wearing masks and with painted faces, eating delicious birthday cake and lots of Brazilian delicacies. Thanks to the British Airways staff's donation, the Epsom College Farm boys were also able to join the festivities.



Also, many thanks to British Airways' Community Relations department for donating flight tickets to and from Brazil, enabling Task Brasil staff to visit the projects and develop new fundraising initiatives.

Luan & Yan Cássio da Silva Rosa

Luan (5) and his brother Yan (6) have spent most of their lives in Casa Jimmy. Their teenage mother Deborah moved to Casa Jimmy while pregnant with Yan, but left without them a couple of years later, after her 18th birthday.

Whilst under Task Brasil's care at Casa Jimmy, Yan became noticeably more confident, developing close relationships with staff and children in the house. Luan loved playing with his friends in the playground; the maze and slide were his particular favourites. A Brazilian family has now adopted the two brothers. Since the adoption process began, Luan's behaviour has improved considerably and he seems happier and more settled. Luan and Yan have built a close bond with their adoptive mother, and first reports show that they are thriving with their new family.

Children of Epsom College Farm

Set in tranquil rainforest 90km outside Rio de Janeiro, the eco-farm provides a peaceful, beautiful and stable home for up to ten boys who enter between the ages of 10 and 14, to live, go to school and learn practical skills. Together with organic agricultural skills, the boys learn IT, jewellery making, mechanics and cooking. These boys have already passed the adoption age and have minimal chance of family reintegration. The boys have adapted well to farm life and between them strong bonds have been created. In 2007 the children of Task Brasil and representatives of the local authority celebrated the two year anniversary of Forest House, the boys' home on Epsom College Farm.

Epsom College Farm is successfully moving towards self-sufficiency in certain

areas. Following a donation from EMBL, the project is now self-sufficient in water. The spring water supplies the houses, vegetable gardens and fish pond. Thanks to a donation from British Airways which was used to buy solar panels, hot water is available. Fruit, vegetables, manioc and corn are all grown on the farm, which are used to feed the children on the farm, any surplus is sent to our other projects.

The new pig project is a move towards greater sustainability, and has been made possible by donations from local Rio theatre group, The New Players and members of the British and Commonwealth Society of Rio de Janeiro. With Chris Hart's donation cows and fish were introduced plus new fencing and repair to the access road and the farm buildings



Thanks to funds donated by EMBL, Task Brasil has been able to increase staff on the farm, including a new day-time carer position. This contribution has enabled Forest House to operate to full capacity.

Task Brasil has established a meaningful partnership with the local fire service. Rodrigo (15) from Forest House has received fireman training and a certificate of his achievement. His success has inspired other teenagers from the farm who also enjoy and benefit from the same training.

The boys enjoy the daily donations of milk and bread from CCPL and a local bakery.

Carlos Renato de Oliveira Lima

Carlos (15) is an orphan who entered Forest House after his family felt they could no longer look after him due to his behavioural problems. When he entered the house, he was reluctant to visit his family, embarrassed by his past actions. Since then, however, Carlos' grandmother visits him regularly, and has noted positive changes in his behaviour. Before entering Forest House, Carlos was rebellious and impulsive, but he has become calmer and no longer has such an unruly temperament.

Carlos participates enthusiastically in the daily activities of the house. He enjoys working with bikes and cars, and aspires to become a mechanic, hoping to enrol on a course. During his time at Forest House, he has developed into a focused and calmer teenager. Although his Grandmother is unable to support him financially, already caring for Carlos' sister, the family is enthusiastic to accept Carlos back. We hope that Carlos may be reunited with his family in the near future.

Children of Casa Roger Turner

Casa Roger Turner, an innovative project, was the first overnight shelter and day centre for teenage boys to operate in Rio de Janeiro and opened in April 2006. The boys have benefited from Task Brasil's care, living or attending Casa Roger Turner regularly. Our youth workers face enormous challenges working to win the confidence of the boys and supporting them in resolving issues which prevent them from leaving the streets. The house hosts boys between the ages of 12 and 18. The boys must demonstrate dedication to changing their lives. They learn practical skills such as jewellery making, decorating flip-flops and participate in sport and music amongst many other activities. One teenager has had the opportunity to enrol at the Debora Colcker Dance School, thanks to the generosity of a Brazilian volunteer. Actress and volunteer Yona Magalhaes led a very successful drama therapy workshop for the children.

In February teenagers and carers alike enjoyed a football match in Rio between teams Flamengo and Botafogo. Because it was made up from supporters of both teams, the Task Brasil party sat in a neutral part of the stadium! Other games followed throughout the year and the boys greatly enjoy visiting Maracana stadium when the opportunity arises.



Wilson Son's has furnished the house with computers and other much needed items, and donated R\$50,000 (US\$25,000) to Casa Jimmy in 2006.

Moises Pinto Soares, 17 years old, is one of the four boys who entered Casa Roger Turner on the day it opened in April 2006, together with Wilian, Marcelo and Wellington. Moises was deeply involved in life on the streets and drugs and as a result spent a long period coming and going from Casa Roger Turner. Gradually however, he showed an interest in study and enrolled at the secondary school Orlando Villas Boas. He has expressed commitment, participating in the production of a book with his teacher and the famous Brazilian book fair, Bial do Livro.

His family lives in extreme poverty surviving on Moises' late father's pension of less than £100 (\$200) a month. His mother suffers from ill health and lives with her other children, none of whom work, and a grandson of 18 months, who is yet to be issued with a birth certificate. Task Brasil has visited the family with a representative from the local authorities who is committed to providing the immediate support the family requires. It has been agreed that Moises will continue at Casa Roger Turner at least until the end of 2007 to finish his studies, after which he will continue attending school near his home.

Girls of Casa Charlotte

Casa Charlotte is a house for pregnant teenage girls and their babies and is temporarily running at Casa Jimmy. The girls receive education and health care, and benefit from learning useful skills, including jewellery making.



We are delighted to announce that we have begun proceedings towards the purchase of the property for Casa Charlotte, thanks to Hunter Hall donations in celebration of Jimmy Page's 60th birthday along with funds from Accenture and

Ballymore. The house is conveniently located, opposite Casa Roger Turner in Santa Teresa, a few minutes walk from Lapa and the city centre, and close to shops, schools and transport.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS:

- Casa Jimmy Boy Girl
 The Street Approach Casa Roger Turner Day Centre
 Casa Charlotte Casa Roger Turner Overnight Shelter
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PERSONAL DETAILS (MUST BE COMPLETED)

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- The enclosed donation of £ _____

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 Where the need is greatest

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Ingrid Muniz Itajaho

Ingrid (16) came to Casa Charlotte when she was four months pregnant. Because of stormy relations with her family, she had left Bahia and Belo Horizonte for Rio de Janeiro. When she first arrived, Ingrid was fiery and sometimes aggressive. Following the birth of her baby, however, Ingrid became calmer and more responsible. She forged strong friendships with the other girls and volunteers in the house and was a dynamic and driven member of Casa Charlotte. Passionate about caring for baby David, Ingrid also enjoys going to the beach, swimming and taking her son for walks.

After David's birth, Ingrid was keen to re-establish contact with her mother. Sadly her mother showed little interest in being reunited with her daughter or grandson. Happily however, Ingrid has returned with David to live with her aunt in Bahia. Despite being nervous about returning to her family, Ingrid has settled in well. Her aunt has noted a positive change in Ingrid's behaviour since she entered Casa Charlotte, and Ingrid is developing into a responsible mother.

Casa Jimena

Casa Jimena is a house for young women between the ages of 18 and 22. When the girls reach 18 and are not in a position to return to live with their original family, they leave Casa Charlotte and move to Casa Jimena to continue their development process of becoming responsible members of society while continuing their studies, working, looking after their children and receiving the necessary guidance from our multi-disciplinary team.

Daiana

Found selling sweets on the streets aged 7, Daiana was taken to Casa Jimmy as a teenager where she spent three years, gaining an education and learning practical skills. Daiana (19) is now part of the 'Stepping Stone' programme at Casa Jimena. Daiana, in her last year of secondary school, will be applying for university and until recently she spent a year doing an internship at the Ministry of Development Industry and Trade (INMETRO). A fast and enthusiastic learner, she is also taking English classes and has completed courses in IT, direct marketing and business studies. Daiana is considering a future career in social services or law.

Since leaving the streets Daiana's life has changed immeasurably. She entered Casa Jimmy as an aggressive and suspicious child and has matured into an independent and intelligent woman with great aspirations. She meets the Task Brasil team weekly who give her support and update her on work possibilities.

Meet a volunteer

Dan Markham spent three rewarding months in 2006 and 2007 volunteering at Casa Jimmy and Epsom College Farm. He developed close relationships with the children and staff, organising activities such as face-painting, taking the children to the park and a music recital, visits to the waterfalls and trips to eat pizza! On Epsom College Farm Dan participated in agricultural tasks. 'The boys at Epsom College Farm were brilliant and, in general, exceptionally well behaved.' He praised the strong bonds that the children have with the staff and volunteers. 'The boys were great. The staff were great. The work was great. The apartment was great. The location is stunning. I could live there!'

Ecotour

The challenge

Come and spend time on our organic farm in the Brazilian rainforest, 90km from Rio de Janeiro and help the street children of Rio de Janeiro. Task Brasil offers you a ten day experience that will both stimulate your senses and improve the lives of others.

You will eat the fruits of your labour surrounded by tropical fruit trees such as papaya, mango, guava, avocado amongst others, in the magnificent setting of Brazil's Mata Atlantica.

Not all sweat and toil, you will experience a few days soaking up the excitement of the city of Rio de Janeiro, bathe under waterfalls and gain an insight into Task Brasil's crucial work with street children.

The Observer's Euan Ferguson described his ecotour with Task Brasil as *'a spiritual and life-affirming experience'*.

The cost

To participate in this extraordinary adventure, we ask you to raise and pledge at least £350 (\$700) to Task Brasil, which will directly help support Rio's street children.

Board and lodging in Rio and on the farm will cost £345 (\$700) for the budget option (2 star hotel and stay at the farm) and £495 (\$1000) for the standard package (4 star hotel).

Participants will also need to organise their own flights to Brazil, but we will be happy to offer assistance and the possibility of cheaper flights.

Join us and the children to enjoy the vibrancy of Brazil on Epsom College Farm and in the city of Rio de Janeiro.

The verdict

October 2007 saw another very successful ecotour with a strong team of nine ecotourists who in just three days, with help from the boys, managed to plant 30 fruit trees, put up a new 150m fence, repaint the whole of Forest House and harvest bananas and manioc.

The ecotourists showed fantastic energy and enthusiasm and were rewarded by a trip to a beautiful nearby regional park and a few days enjoying the excitement of Rio de Janeiro! Our volunteers have just returned brimming with enthusiasm. Ken Janssens and Vincius De Freitas Brandao were moved by *'being close enough to see with our own eyes the boys on the farm being given a real second chance in life...'*



What we encountered surpassed all our expectations. What we saw amounted to a very high standard in child care, one which has created an environment in which these boys flourish...This is definitely not the end of the road for us with Task Brasil. We have found a joint cause and project for years to come. The work we did with these street kids showed us first hand that despite all the sadness and hardship in the world today, the human spirit can rise above the most difficult of challenges'.

Suzy Williams told us *'Thank you so much for letting us participate and for all your help. I would love to come back with better Portuguese next time!'*

We offer tours three times a year, so book your place for March 2008! If you're tempted by a shorter trip, join our five day **Farming Experience** in January. Book now and give someone or yourself the Christmas present of a lifetime! One previous participant, Bob Gilchrist said *'I am filled with admiration for everyone I met at Task Brasil'*.

How you can help

Whether you are in the UK, Europe, Brazil or North America, there are so many ways you can become involved in supporting the children of Task Brasil, from sponsoring a child, taking part in an eco-tour on Epsom College Farm, volunteering in the houses in Brazil, to organising fundraising events, or selling items on eBay. Supporters can now select Task Brasil to receive part or all of the profits from items sold on eBay.

We are always looking for new volunteers with diverse skills, so if you would like to offer some of your time either in Brazil or the UK, please contact us.

Sponsor a child and make a real difference to their life. Just £15 or \$25 a month feeds a child for a month. You will receive regular updates about the child's progress and about how your money is being used.

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