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Britain's love affair with all things Brazilian continues unabated, with new cinema, music, art, food and fashion constantly being discovered by an audience hungry for what the glossy style mags have tagged 'favela chic'.

It's getting difficult to move this summer without seeing Ipanema fashion shoots, t-shirts adorned with the Brazilian flag or read about a new Sao Paulo singing sensation, while the back pages of newspapers are full of World Cup-winning footballers pleading with their agents to find them an English team.

Absolutely nothing wrong with that of course (and it's potentially great news for the country's tourist industry and all the drip-down effect that entails), but there is a fear that Brazil will end up as a fashion statement and, as is the way with these things, one that could soon appear a little old hat. Hopefully people will know to look beyond the Kate Moss-endorsed flip-flops and remix bossa nova CDs to discover a country still battling to overcome a series of potentially crippling social problems.



Take, for instance, the recent report from the National Residential Sample Survey, which claims a total of 2,988,294 Brazilian children between the ages of five and 15 are working for a living. Child labour is very much a fact of life, not just amongst the urban populace, but out in rural areas too, where plantation work is often done by children of school age. The International Labour Organisation

believes over half a million Brazilian children are employed in domestic jobs.

President Lula da Silva has promised to introduce a social housing programme and raise the minimum wage, in attempt to win over the electorate, who have seen earnings drop and the cost of living rise. Government employees, including the federal police and health workers, have been out on strike and grumblings in the press are continuing to grow. Figures published earlier in the year claim murder to be the most common cause of death amongst young men in Rio, and the deployment of troops on the streets of the southern reaches of the city to quell trouble with drug gangs has done little to appease fears of major civil unrest brewing.

The Guardian recently reported on the progress of Reciclagem e Cultura (Recycling and Culture), a scheme set up by culture minister and music legend Gilberto Gil in the notorious Vigario Gerál favela, on the outskirts of Rio. A workshop that produces furniture and interior design pieces from re-cycled plastic bottles and assorted junk, Reciclagem e Cultura has caught the imagination of the city's fashionable set and is turning into quite a budding little industry.

A small step perhaps, but it does illustrate the ability and ingenuity of Rio real life beyond the bikini-clad carioca clichés – the same spirit that drives projects like Task Brasil. Worth celebrating. Hmmm... maybe we should dig out one of those bossa nova remixes and get the flip-flops on. And I for one would be very happy to see Rivaldo in a Crystal Palace shirt.

By Matthew Barker

The Ecotour – Organic Farming Experience

received some wonderful publicity in April when Observer journalist Euan Ferguson spent a week down on the farm, describing his experience in the newspaper as "very heaven". Euan had some high praise for manager Phillipe, even recommending he take up a role with the United Nations(!) The piece also gave some brief background to TBT, its aims and contact details. After all that hard work Euan treated himself to a day or two on the beach – anyone who fancies getting involved in the Ecotour as well, see elsewhere in the newsletter or visit our website for more information.



STOP PRESS...

**Task Brasil's office in the UK has moved to:
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NEWS FROM BRAZIL

Casa Jimmy

October 2003 saw a series of visitors to Casa Jimmy in time for the fifth anniversary of its opening, including the First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff

Sir Alan West, KCB, DSC, ADC and his wife Lady Rosemary West. The couple were joined by the Naval Attaché Capt Steven Timms and his wife Rosemary Timms. Other supporters paying a visit included William Salomon of Hansa Capital Limited, the Jungle Marathon runners, the BA AFSC team, and the HMS Lancaster crew to rebuild a small bridge at Epsom College Farm and Colonel Ralph Ashenhurst, the British Defence Attaché.



First Sea Lord, Sir Alan West at Casa Jimmy



Casa Jimmy's Anniversary

Deborah left Casa Jimmy earlier this year after finding employment. However her children Yan and Luan are still with us as she was not yet stable enough to care for them on her own when she left.

We have new teenage girls who have had babies at the house during the last six months. They love to look after their babies and are very passionate about them.

On the children we have excellent news:

- Bianca was adopted by a Brazilian family and left CJ in April.
- Anderson was adopted by a Brazilian family in June.
- Bruno, Bruna and Romario were also adopted in July by a Brazilian family and
- Vanessa and Giovanni were also adopted by a Brazilian family in early July.
- Lucas, Matheus and Samuel were reintegrated with their mother Maria Apercida later in July. Their adaptation is being closely assessed by TBT social services' staff.
- Simone and her daughter Marisol have been reintegrated with Simone's mother.
- Pamela now has a prosthetic leg thanks to the assistance and efforts of Dr. Ana Luiza Malet. Pamela is adapting extremely well, loving her new leg.
- Gustavo who was severely burnt as a baby returned to Casa Jimmy in July to have plastic surgery with renowned plastic surgeon Ivo Pitangui's team. Gustavo lives in a shelter in Minas Gerais state. Gustavo suffered a reaction to treatment and underwent a second session of surgery.



Children enjoying a trip to the Zoo



Commander Richard Harrison, the Naval Attaché, with Pamela

Epsom College Farm

In June 2002, Epsom College in the UK donated £30,000 for the purchase of a small farm and surrounding forest in Brazil. The farm is run on organic principles to provide 10 to 14 year old boys (referred from the Rio Juvenile Detention Centre, other shelters and also Task Brasil's Street Approach programme), the opportunity for self development in an environment away from the dangers of the streets. Epsom College Farm's preparation is also on the fast track, thanks to the British Embassy's Small Fund Scheme in Brazil.



Forest House at Epsom College Farm

Philippe Harmoniaux is the manager at the EC Farm. Edinho the farm caretaker is assisting Philippe, while carrying on with his duties in dealing with the farm produce. While Ligia (TBT's founder) was in Brazil, she and Philippe visited different state departments and checked on documentation requirements to open Forest House. They met with the local secretary of Social development and received assurances on how important our project would be for their local community. They also visited a factory producing solar panel systems for water heating. It will take less than a year for there to be a return on the investment.

We are pleased to tell you that Forest House building work has been completed, where the first boys will be housed.

ABC Trust (www.abctrust.org.uk) has committed to meeting the initial running costs of Forest House. The boys who will live in Forest House will have shown firm commitment to developing themselves in a healthy, crime-free environment. Further funds have also been requested from other funding trusts.



New 4WD for Epsom College Farm

A 4x4 vehicle for the farm has been purchased thanks to the combined efforts of Epsom College, British Airways and two private donors. The 4x4 has made a huge difference, especially in bad weather and has proved an invaluable tool moving things to and from the site - and a good method of transport when the Ecotour groups arrive. It will be an instrumental item for the delivery of vegetable baskets we are starting distributing as the farm's initial income generating method.

Our Ecotour holidays built around organic farming work at the farm are proving to be very popular with people looking for alternative ways to spend their time abroad. Epsom College Farm is benefiting both directly from the work done by the group on the ecological holiday on its surrounding land, as well as indirectly from the monies raised by the project.

Michael Green visited Casa Jimmy in January 2004. Michael has since been in contact and is currently helping with Task Brasil's marketing strategy, along with a new contact, Isabel da Silva. Isabel is assisting the production of new flyers and other promotional material, also focusing on gaining more attention for our fabulous Ecotour holidays (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

Ms Alice Krause, from the US, visited Casa Jimmy in August and donated US\$400 towards kitchen appliances and clothing.

After visiting Casa Jimmy **Lee Pringle** has involved her Year 6 students at St Osmonds RC Primary in fundraising activities, raising a total of £99.10.

Casa Roger Turner

Efforts with our **Outreach Programme** (referred to as the **Street Approach**) are being revitalized through the introduction of an improved facility in a designated area called Casa Roger Turner.

We are delighted to tell you that, thanks to the kind donation of the **Beanfeast** charity (www.beanfeast.org), Casa Roger Turner is expected to open as a day centre for the boys currently attending the Street Approach project, providing workshops and with a view to it becoming an overnight shelter.



Casa Roger Turner

ABC Trust (www.abctrust.org.uk) has confirmed an allocation of £10,000 towards the property refurbishment cost. We still need funding to cover running and staff costs so that we are able to provide income generating workshops for the children and adolescents and also teach basic skills such as cookery and sewing. As the environment will be a more productive one, away from the distractions of the streets, we will also be able to offer the boys basic schooling.

Casa Charlotte and Casa Jimena

Thanks to a donation by a private US donor, Task Brasil has purchased two lots of land and buildings next door to Casa Jimmy. We are in the process of building Casa Charlotte on the smaller plot, thanks to the donation by **Hunter Hall Investment Management** towards building costs; it will be



Some of the properties Casa Jimena

a shelter for 10 pregnant teenagers and teenage mothers. It will also mean more room in Casa Jimmy to take in a greater number of young children from the streets.

Task Brasil was previously considering



Casa Charlotte plot of land next door to Casa Jimmy

refurbishing two flats for the teenage girls to live in - which has become Casa Jimena. We are still planning to use some of these flats, which already belong to Task Brasil, possibly for teenage mothers who have reached the age of 18 who want a bit of independence. This way we could offer the girls their own space whilst simultaneously keeping an eye on their progress with their young babies.

PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORT

- **Bento Rubião, NGO**, which gives building advice and support to low-income communities, is helping with building plans and construction advice for Casa Carlote and supervising repair and refurbishment of apartments in Casa Jimena.
- **Espaco Saude Prof. Silvio Fraga, NGO**, is offering dental care and "crânio sacro" therapy to teenagers and children.
- **Célia and Alan** have been donating cleaning material on a monthly basis.
- **Instituto Nossa Senhora do Monte Calvário** has been providing scholarships for three of the children at Casa Jimmy for the past few years, including Lucas who was recently reintegrated with his mother.
- **Pontificia Universidade Catolica Do Rio de Janeiro** is running seminars twice a month, until December 2, one on Human Rights and another on Social Practices, providing places free of charge for three of our social workers.
- **Policlínica do Rio de Janeiro** is also offering neurological treatment for teenager Angelica for free.



Teenagers' workshops at Casa Jimmy

If you would like to contribute to the funding of these projects or have skills that you feel might be helpful, do please get in touch.

THE EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

In 1995 Rafael Mariano and Michael Mendes were part of Task Brasil's pilot Educational Project which was run in partnership with the Electricity Board of Sao Paulo. Both boys came from very poor background, at the age of 12 they were given the opportunity to study for 3 terms at two different boarding schools in the UK, **Orwell Park School** and **The King School Ely**. On their return to Brazil, thanks to the support of Orwell Park, British Airways, Frank Lowe and Escola Futura they successfully completed their A-levels equivalent education.

Rafael is working for an American Collecting Company based in Sao Paulo, dealing with American clients on a daily basis. Rafael got married on 18th September to his 23 year old girlfriend. Both will be living in the flat they bought together. Rafael is still planning to start his Psychology degree within a year.

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UK NEWS

Charlotte joined Task Brasil in April this year in a full-time position as UK Operations Officer. She has settled in well and is enjoying her role. She visited the projects in Rio in the week commencing the Monday 20th September and had a busy week meeting staff and viewing the progress of the projects.

Rodrigo and James are the latest to join the Task Brasil team, both starting their positions in August. Rodrigo is our new administrator, providing help with controls and finance. James has taken on the task of Office Manager, IT and data base management contacting trusts and getting involved in the marketing side of things. They are both working on a part-time basis and are a welcome addition to the team.

The London Marathon Task Brasil would like to thank:

Nicholas Bray,
Rob Spiers,
Mark McCubbing,
Marcus Holden,
Janine Thomas,
Katia Gomez,
Chris Welch,
Roger Ayres,
Grae Scott,
Jon Stone,
Malcolm Fry,
Laura Brasnett and



Janine Thomas and Malcolm Fry

Rachel Ballentine for raising a fantastic sum of money for Task Brasil, running the London Marathon on 18 April 2004.

Also a big thank you to Office & General Cleaning Supplies and Journey Latin America for sponsoring two of our runners. And, Kate Barker who raised funds although unable to run because of an injury.

Funds raised were in excess of £13,000.

Other Events

Our dedicated band of volunteers continue to support a wide range of events, promoting the work of the charity, selling jewellery and havaianas, flip flops decorated by the teenage mothers at Casa Jimmy, and our new Task Brasil t-shirts (also available from our website). With their help, we've been able to attend the following events, raising awareness about the charity and selling the goods made by the teenage girls.

- **Strawberry Fair, 5 June** £356.18 raised
Anna Mai, Christine and Alan travelled to Cambridge to support Amanda Learmouth and the Cambridge Capoeira Group at the annual Strawberry Fair. The dancers performed all day and helped raise money for Task Brasil.
- **Cannon Lane School Fayre, 10 July** £149.20 raised
- **Womad Music Festival, 22-26 July** £83.94 raised
Christine and Hilary manned our stall at WOMAD 2004, a three-day event, with long working days – many thanks girls! A surprise visit from Jimmy and Jimena Page caused excitement on the Saturday.
- **Drumming for Change, 18 July** £58.41 raised

- **Coin Street Festival, 8 August** £167.95 raised
- **Jungle Drums, Regent's Park, 22 August** £131.39 raised
Anglo-Brazilian magazine *Jungle Drums* invited Task Brasil to attend fundraising events at the Cargo nightclub and Regents Park, London. Thanks to helpers Bianca, Tristan, Isabel and Christine - and to *Jungle Drums* for their support.
- **Notting Hill Carnival, 28-30 August** £144.43 raised
thanks to Steven Gowers, Tristan Smith, Peter Vosper, Anna Layton, Keith Mein and friends.
- **Christine, Alan and Tony** have been getting up early on Sunday mornings to raise money at **car boot** sales in the Harrow area. They are also essential in organising/packing donated items to be taken to Brazil.
- **Deborah Lane** organized **Cocktails for Charity** at her local tapas bar in Twickenham. Well done Deborah!!

Deborah Shepherd moved to Scotland and is setting up a fundraising committee - so, if you are in Scotland and can help Deborah raise much-needed funds, do not hesitate to contact us.

Volunteers also helped at several London concerts and represented the charity at events in Devon, Harlow.

Isabel da Silva. Isabel is assisting in the production of new flyers and other promotional material, also focusing on gaining more attention for our fabulous Ecotour holidays.



Christine Walker with teenagers

Our special thanks to Christine Walker who has run the majority of these events and braved very inclement weather! She has been essential in helping in the office and along with Alan Morris, in the up keep of TBT's warehouse.

Ecotour Reunion

We were delighted to be able to organise a reunion on Monday 26 July for all the people who have been on the Ecotour so far. It was a joyful occasion and many stories and experiences were swapped across the table, and it was great to see how everyone had bonded so well during the nine days they spent together in Rio. We will definitely be organising another reunion after the next tour.

Fundraisers

Our special thanks to the following fundraisers who have dedicated time and effort to raising money for Task Brasil, they have been fantastic: **Jon Stone, Lesley Black, Malcolm Fry, Megan Brown, Owen Kent, Patricia Cleave, Sara Nicholson, Simon Cox, Kate Barker** amongst many.

If you have an event that you think would benefit Task Brasil - please contact Charlotte on

**0207 7355545 or
info@taskbrasil.org.uk**

Monies raised by Schools, Universities and Churches



"Mural painted by Dragon School at Casa Jimmy"

The Dragon School visited Casa Jimmy in July of this year. A mixture of teachers, parents and pupils did a wonderful job painting a mural on one of the walls in sports court. It was a great occasion, Task Brasil's children, staff and volunteers enjoyed every minute of their stay including the fabulous party organised by the school. Dragon School's students raised TBT a fantastic £1600. We would like to thank the headmaster Mr Bough, his wife (the arts' teacher) and their children and in particular Danny for their incredible support.

The Cambridge University Fashion Show 2004 was held on 1st and 2nd March in Cambridge's Guildhall, with the net proceeds of the event being donated to two youth and children's charities, Task Brasil benefitting from approximately £1300.

The event, which was entirely modelled by students and featured aspiring young fashion designers, was a sell-out success and received wide press coverage. Originality was a hallmark of the show, which interspersed the traditional cat-walk strut with choreography from Task Brasil supporter Clarice Almeida.

Other schools that held fundraising events for Task Brasil are:

- George Heriot School- S3 Modern Studies class £473.73
- Queenswood School £1111
- Royal Masonic School for Girls £1320.78
- The Church of England School of St Nicolas and St Mary £677

Thanks also to Eastbourne College, North London Collegiate School, St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College, St Osmund's Catholic Primary School.

Churches:

- All Saints Church £500
- RC Parish of St George's, Buckland and Blessed Hugh Faringdon £250
- St Martin's of Tours Church £35

Task Brasil started 2004 by relying greatly on volunteer help and support. Naz and Kathryn have moved on, however we managed to get a great deal of the work done, thanks to the help of very valuable and committed volunteers: Christine Walker (office



Charlotte Smith's birthday

and warehouse), Yuka Wakiyama (office admin), Anna Mai Cubison (UK volleader), Isabel Burton (Trusts fundraising), Sanne Van Kempton (schools fundraising), James Rorrison (IT), Rodrigo Voss (finance), Alan Morris (warehouse maintenance), Tony Hayward (warehouse), Maurice Healy (admin) and Charlotte Smith (admin and translation).

Rodrigo managed to bring his army of friends along over the Bank Holiday weekend to help with the office move (also the weekend of Charlotte's birthday). Christine Walker, Andrea Sanke, Amy Eleftheriades and Paul Sutcliffe along with Ligia were able to complete the tricky task of moving warehouse and office equipment.

During the last few months we have also had very valuable regular help from Bianca Suyama (UK Volunteer Leader), Christine Walker (warehouse and child sponsorship), Haddy Jadama (office admin) Iracema Nascimento (Trusts fundraising) and Sophie Keith (accounts).

Thanks a lot for that, guys!!! We would not have survived without you...

Business and Strategic Plan:

Chris Hart prepared a strategic plan, defining essential areas of future development. Richard Stuart and Tony Wood also came in recently to meet with Ligia and James to discuss Task Brasil's current strategy following Lesley Davey's initiative. We thank them for their expertise.

Thomas Marsden made various recommendations after spending over two months working with all staff in Brazil reviewing Task Brasil's operations and future strategic growth. Thomas and his wife Andrea were also a great asset to the March Ecotour.

Michael Green also shared his wealth of experience and valuable advice along with Isabel Wray. Euan Ferguson from the Observer and Emma Boden-Lee helped us promote our Ecotours.

Placements

So far this year we have had a total of 18 new volunteers at Casa Jimmy, all with different skills and qualities to share with the children and staff. The placement scheme is going very well and we expect one more placement to go out in the last two months of this year. The children have been receiving music and swimming lessons and getting to grips with basic English. The experience is on the whole a positive and eye-opening one with volunteers learning a lot about Brazilian culture and the Portuguese language. Thank you to: Andrea Sanke, Austin Young, Chloe Brew, Ellen Cornelis, Erica D'Anna, Eveleen Langford-Johnson, Frances Ashley, Helen Longridge, Louis Levin, Maria Constantinou, Michael Duffell, Pieter Lens, Peter Vosper, Sara Faye Golstein, Stephanie Dyke, Steven Gowers, Suki Drane, Vishva Samani and Zarka Khan.

We also would like to mention the volunteer due to go out before the end of the year: Jatinder Garcha.

Steven Gowers' very impressive fundraising results raised TBT in the region of £6,000 with the help of his friends and also Bath Samba Society, Morgan Stanley and BMT Defence Services Limited. Thanks a lot Steven and all!

Volunteers in Brazil: We would like to thank the hard work and valuable help of the following volunteers Lene, Beatriz, Maikel, Marcelo, Amanda and Guilherme.

Reunion

Task Brasil recently held a placement reunion (Sunday, 12th September) and it was great to see some of our former placements and hear their views and ideas about their time spent in Brazil. For those of you who couldn't manage to make it, don't worry, we will be doing it again!



Ellen Cornelis and children at Casa Jimmy

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Special Support received

BA Community Open Day - The **British Airways** Community Open Day was another successful event last December. Last year was even more special as BA gave a donation of £4,000 to complement previous donations from **Epsom College, Simon Cox and Aisling Flanagan** (an ex-Task Brasil placement) towards the purchase of a four-wheeled drive for Epsom College Farm. The purchase was made possible thanks to an application by BA staff member **Keith Mein**. Keith went to Casa Jimmy last year to volunteer for two weeks and is much missed by children and staff alike. We are very grateful to him for writing such a brilliant application.



Laurence Dallaglio, Ligia and Keith Mein

The cheque was presented to Ligia da Silva and Keith by Rugby World Cup winner **Laurence Dallaglio**, who even signed a Task Brasil T-shirt! Task Brasil is indebted to British Airways for its ongoing critical support, with special thanks to **Geoff Want, Mary Brew, Mary Barry and Sharon Brockley**.

Christmas Party 2003

The 2003 Christmas Party was once again a great success, raising over £15,000 for Task Brasil. Hosted by **Leslie Ash** and **Nathalie Smith** at SO.UK in London's West End, entertainment included live Brazilian music and a Samba show. The highlight of the evening was a live auction, which raised over £13,000 after some intense bidding by party guests. Auction items included a guitar signed by **Jimmy Page** and **Iron Maiden**, an original Howler used in the Harry Potter films and a commissioned portrait by artist **Joe Painter**. Our very special guests were Jimmy Page and Iron Maiden band members.

Supported by **British Airways, Gibson Guitars, Sanctuary, ATP, Home to Garden, Sphere, Embassy, E&J Gallo Winery, Moet Chandon, SO.UK so.ho, Polstar, SBP and The Grove**.

Task Brasil is very grateful to artists **Nina and Chris, Beija Flor Dance Group** and everybody who helped make the party so special and we hope to see you all again this year!

Meanwhile, 2003/4 donations included £1,000 from **Jimmy Page** and contributions from **Phil Collins** and **Emma Thompson**.



Nathalie Smith & Leslie Ash; Jimena, Lisa Atkin and Jimmy Page; Ligia and Steve Harris (Iron Maiden); Beija Flor Dance Group

EMTA Charity Fundraiser

Last October, the **Emerging Markets Trading Association (EMTA)** held a benefit event with Task Brasil as one of the charities that they supported. The event was a great success raising a huge amount of money with an auction and great ticket sales. So far, EMTA has donated £10,000 of the proceeds to Task Brasil with more expected!

Task Brasil would like to thank all of the EMTA team for choosing Task Brasil as one of their beneficiaries and looks forward to working with the team in the future. We would especially like to thank **Clare Turnball, Brigitte Dowsett and Jonathan Munro** for their contributions.

The Royal Navy



The Royal Navy rebuilding ECF bridge

HMS Lancaster re-built the bridge at ECF in November 2003 and transported donated goods from the UK to Brazil in October. One of the crew members was also part of one of first ships to help out with Task Brasil: **HMS Endurance** in 1998.

HMS Cardiff arrived in Rio in May with another delivery of Task Brasil's donated clothes, bikes, computers and furniture. The crew also spent time at Casa Jimmy clearing an overgrown garden, part of the recently purchased property next to the house. Our next shipment will leave England in October.

Jungle Marathon – Beanfeast Donation

Last September, the trustees of the Beanfeast Charity for children took part in a 250km marathon in the Amazon over seven days! They raised an amazing £21,100 for the new Task Brasil day and overnight shelter, Casa Roger Turner.



Beanfeast Trustees at Casa Jimmy

We are grateful to **Charlie McCusker, David McCusker** and **Kenny McKenzie** for their wonderful efforts and hard work.

Christmas Party, 2004

This year Task Brasil's Christmas party will be organised by Jon Stone and his friends. Jon is also a musician and plays in a band. The party promises to be an unforgettable one, with lots of music ranging from the 60's 'til the 90's, pop and rock. There'll also be special raffle prizes and lots of fun!

Bands: Paddy Goes to Holyhead & The Monster Raving Boogie Party.
Venue: The Borderline, Orange Yard
Off Manette Street, London S1D 4JB
Price: £10 Time: from 7pm

BOOK NOW as tickets will be sold out really fast...

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The Great River Race

Jon Stone has been supporting Task Brasil for the past few years by running the London Marathon as well as rowing the Great River Race in a replica Viking longboat, along with his crew "The Hammer of the Gods". This year they again completed the 22 miles from Richmond to Greenwich. For 2005 Jon is also planning to complete a sponsored-row across the English Channel from Dover to Calais in his Viking boat to raise further funds for TBT.

Jon does not stop there... he and his friends are organizing a very promising Xmas Party for Task Brasil on 13 December (see page 6 for details). Well done, Jon and friends — and thanks a lot!



Jon Stone and his Viking team



AFSC at Task Brasil's Street Approach

British Airways – Action for Street Children (AFSC)

Sarah Monger who runs AFSC organised the following BA staff to visit Casa Jimmy and six other projects and gave the children a week to remember Oct 2003: **Deborah Lane, Hansa Sharma, Sharon**

Newman and Deborah Allick April 2004: **Deborah Allick, Amanda Simms, Chiarra Molteni, Angela McQuade.**



César Baião, Wilson Sons at Casa Jimmy

Further support

Thanks to the introduction by **William Saloman** from **Hansa Capital Limited**, Task Brasil was given computers and other items, and the equivalent of £10,000 in December 2003 by **Cesar Baião, Wilson Sons**. William also introduced TBT to the very reputable Rio-based solicitor's firm **Gouveia Vieira**. GV have been a great asset to the development of TBT, kindly representing us and giving legal advice in Brasil.



William Saloman, Alec Cooper, Charlotte Smith at Casa Jimmy

We were delighted to see William back at Casa Jimmy on 21st September, this time along with his associate, Alec Cooper. They

stopped long enough to have lunch at the house and also visited the site of Casa Charlotte.

Other Special Supporters: We would like to thank the **ABC Trust** for their continuing support and funding. **Smart & Cook**, who raised £7,350 for Task Brasil in December 2003 at their Christmas charity dinner party. **ITB - Rod MacSween** continuous support. Also, thanks to **Brad Dowden at Monster** who donated computers and a server, which has already been sent to Brazil. Similarly, thanks to the staff from **Hudson Recruitment** who donated server equipment to improve the IT infrastructure in the London Office: **Bas Alblas, Matt Tupper, Sue Hobson, Vicki Mileman**. A special one to **Jeannette Hyde**, who has been instrumental in the success of the Ecotour-Organic Farming Experience, and, **Matthew Barker** for his patience and skills in helping preparing this newsletter.

Ecotour Organic Farming Experience: If you have a week to spare, why not join one of Task Brasil's eight-day working holidays?

See the sights of Rio - visit Task Brasil's projects and meet the children and teenagers at Casa Jimmy. Experience working on an organic farm located in an idyllic Atlantic rain forest valley. The farm produces manioc, bananas, citrus fruit and vegetables for Casa Jimmy and will shortly be home for the first group of boys, aged 10 to 14, eager for a new start in life.



Highly-successful tours in March and June mean that Epsom College Farm now has a fenced, productive vegetable garden, and grass and shrubs now surround Forest House, the building that will accommodate the boys.

The next Ecotour will take place between the 23 – 31 October 2004, followed by future tours in March, June and October 2005.

Appeals: Regular contributions are still one of the main ways you could support Task Brasil in the UK or in the US, as it provides money that the charity can regularly count on towards maintaining its projects. Please visit www.taskbrasil.org.uk or if you are in the US www.taskbrasil.org to set up your child sponsorship.

List of items necessary for new projects

- Solar Panels for Epsom College Farm.
- Water Supply for Epsom College Farm. The existing spring supply needs replumbing from source in order to meet Health and Safety requirements for drinking water.
- Football Pitch for Epsom College Farm: Land needs to be cleared of bushes, levelled and covered with a suitable playing surface. Goal posts and fencing needed.
- Refurbishment of Casa Jimena: Bathroom, kitchen, communal area and bedrooms need to be rewired, re-plumbed, decorated and fitted with furniture and fittings.
- Building material for Casa Charlotte.
- Refurbishment of Casa Roger Turner: materials.

Very special People: Jimmy Page

has continuously been a great inspiration to many of the donors and supporters, benefiting ABC Trust and Task Brasil. **Jimmy Page** was the inaugural rock icon honored on the new Walk of Fame at the **Virgin Megastore**, No.1 Piccadilly on 23 August. Jimmy placed his hands in cement to be immortalised in a new paving stone outside the London music store. To celebrate the occasion, a donation of £20,000 was given to ABC Trust, of which £10,000 has been allocated to Task Brasil to help with Casa Roger Turner's initial building refurbishment.



Task Brasil and ABC's trustees with Jimmy Page at Virgin Megastore



Jimmy Page - walk of fame Virgin Megastore

Peter Hall from **Hunter Hall** contributed with £30,000 generous donation towards building Casa Charlotte, as a continuation of his very valuable support over the years.

Wagner Cinelli Freitas continued giving valuable support and advice. Wagner is also an instrumental musician, and has just released a new CD (see www.wagnercinelli.com.br for more details).

We would like to thank the donor of £5,000 anonymous donation received by TBT in July via CAF. We believe that you are out there so would like to show you our great appreciation and let you know that your money is of tremendous help for the work we do.

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Farewell and Welcome

We are all very sorry to see the departure of **Capt Timms**, the Naval Attaché who has finished his term in Brazil. We wish him, his wife Rosemary and their sons all the best wishes for the future. You will be greatly missed by all at Casa Jimmy and our projects in Rio.



Capt. Timms and family at Casa Jimmy



Col. Mike Bowles, Saskia Wilson, Cerian Hiscott at Casa Jimmy

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish the best of luck to **Colonel Mike Bowles**, who retired as the Defence Attaché. During this term he



Col. Ralph Ashenhurst, the British Defense Attache in Brazil

also was of invaluable help to all Task Brasil projects. Colonel Bowles was replaced by **Colonel Ralph Ashenhurst**, who has already proven to be of amazing help and support.

A big welcome to Commander Richard Harrison as the new Naval Attaché and his wife Joy. We greatly appreciate his and his wife's time in visiting Casa Jimmy earlier this year and for carrying on with the Royal Navy's invaluable help to TBT projects in Brazil.

TASK BRASIL INC in the USA

Yet again in May 2004 Task Brasil Inc. held the Brazilian reunion with the circle of families who have all adopted children from Brazil. This year the event was held in the Katz Civic Center in NJ, USA. Brazilian music and a Capoeira performance from New Jersey Capoeira School, Newark, New Jersey added to the fun whilst the Task Brasil stand was kept busy selling the new lines on T-shirts and pretty jewellery made by the girls from Task Brasil's Project Daiana. (see our website if you want to buy any of our products and support our work).



New Jersey Capoeira School

As with Task Brasil's first event in the USA, its second event was organized by US director Robin Malki, without whom Task Brasil Inc. would not survive. Robin rallied together many of her friends who came as volunteers enabling the event to run smoothly without any hitches. A special thank you to Nancy Molloy for her second year of helping Task Brasil Inc's annual fundraising event and to Ann Barry for taking such delightful photos throughout the afternoon! Above all thank you Robin!

Task Brasil Inc. is seeking more supporters and volunteers in the USA and Canada. You are also able to support Task Brasil's projects in the US by sponsoring a child, applying to its placement programs or signing up for the Ecotour which is an exciting and challenging way of giving your support. Visit www.taskbrasil.org

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