

## Violence & Drugs in Rio de Janeiro

Violence on the streets of Rio de Janeiro is escalating at an alarming rate.

The involvement of drug trafficking in this spiral of violence is all too apparent. Day after day, newspapers report on violent crimes committed as a result of the war between rival gangs and drug traffickers.

Nobody, it would seem, is 'invulnerable' and children, in particular, are at risk. According to a recent study conducted by anthropologist Luke Dowdney, between 1987 and 2001 eight times as many children were killed as a result of gunfire in Rio than died in the bloody Israeli / Palestinian conflict. The study also established that there are approximately 5,000 children involved in violent conflicts.

Rio's Street Children, often shunned by society and facing the harsh reality of life on the streets, are easily recruited into the realms of the many drug gangs in the city. Thus, petty criminals develop into career criminals and pose a real threat to society.

The seriousness of the situation was highlighted in June 2000 when Sandro do Nascimento hijacked bus no 174 for a total of four and a half hours. The hijacking was well documented on live television from beginning to end and families of the hostages could only sit and watch as events unfolded. One of the hostages, a 20 year old teacher, was killed by Sandro who was eventually caught but later died in police custody aged 21.

Sandro was originally from Bahia, in the North of Brazil. He became a street child at the age of nine after the murder of his mother (to which he was a witness). Thus Sandro began his fight for survival as a street child. Friends with whom he lived on the streets have recounted the horrors that they faced on a daily basis. For example they all witnessed the **Chacina da Candelária**, in which several street children were shot.

Sandro went through several state institutions for street children, but his life was not changed. He was also placed in detention in adult prisons, on several occasions, for petty crimes during his youth and it was here that he became involved

with more serious criminals. Before the hijack, Sandro had last been seen by the authorities in the Edgar Costa prison in Niterói, where he was serving time for his involvement in a mugging. At this institution he befriended and eventually escaped with heads of the notorious **Comando Vermelho** drug ring.

A recent documentation of the life and death of Sandro do Nascimento has been screened all over Brazil in the hope that it will generate discussion about the lives of Brazil's forgotten children and the consequences of their harsh realities.

Political Scientist João Trajano, in a recent paper, explains that younger and younger children are getting caught up with the drug gangs due to a lack of other options offered to them and as a result of 'the nothing to lose' attitude which prevails. As he points out, these children are already dead to the world.

The reality of the situation is harsh and the problem of drug related violence in Rio will not be solved overnight, but the conclusion, once again, is that action must be pro-active as well as reactive. The latter must be conducted in a way that provides hope and opportunity rather than continued restrictions and marginalisation for those young people at the edge of society.

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## Food for Thought

'In the last ten years, the number of light firearms in Rio de Janeiro has risen by 1,000%'

'It is estimated that 10 thousand people are involved in organized crime in Rio de Janeiro. 5-6 thousand of these are under 18.'

'You could not imagine how many youngsters enter into trafficking for a pair of Nike trainers;' Jose Junior, coordinator of the Afro Reggae Project.

'Nearly all of (the youngsters involved in organized crime) will die before they reach the age of 18.'

**'There is no childhood in crime'**

*The above information was taken from a recent article by Patricia Fernandes Lopes in Ocas magazine.*

## Task Brasil in the USA

Charlotte Petsopoulos, Task Brasil Trust's trustee in the UK has successfully established Task Brasil Inc in the USA, which received full status as a non-profit organisation, in September of this year. This now means that all donations made by USA supporters are fully tax deductible.

In the USA, Task Brasil Inc will be working to raise funds and awareness to help more street children and teenagers in Brazil. We would very much like to welcome on board Nathalie Smith and Lisa Atkin as directors along with Charlotte, Jimena Gomez-Paratcha and Ligia da Silva.

To make donations you can email [donation@taskbrasil.org](mailto:donation@taskbrasil.org)

## News from Brazil

### Jimmy Page at Casa Jimmy



Casa Jimmy was once again much honoured to receive Jimmy Page, his wife Jimena (TBT trustee) and their children, at Casa Jimmy in September. It was great to have him around, visiting the project and

meeting all the children and teenagers again. On this occasion, we also welcomed the British General Consul Mr Paul B Yaghmourian, the Judge Wagner Cinneli Freitas, Reuters representative Antonio Guedes, lawyer Gustavo de Paulo among others.

### Fourth Anniversary Success!

By end of October 2002, 13 children and 5 teenagers with respective babies were living at Casa Jimmy. Casa Jimmy recently celebrated its fourth anniversary. Between 1998 and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2002, the project has cared for 220 children, teenagers and babies. 109 children and teenagers have been successfully reintegrated with their families, 6 children have been adopted, 2 teenagers gained independency and 42 were transferred to other shelters.

**SAMBA CHRISTMAS PARTY, hosted by JIMMY & JIMENA PAGE, sponsored by GIBSON GUITARS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December @ The Elysium, Café Royal, Piccadilly, £ 25 a ticket**

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We very much need your help to secure the future of all programmes which we currently run  
**ALL DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED**

## Epsom College Farm - Update

Task Brasil is pleased to announce that Epsom College has successfully raised the £30,000 pledged at the end of 2001. With the money, on 26 June 2002 Task Brasil completed the purchase of a 55ha farm in Papucaia, Chachoeira de Macacu District, 100km from Rio. Heartfelt thanks to the staff and students at Epsom College for their commitment and perseverance. We would especially like to thank Father Paul Thompson, the Senior Chaplain, and Kim Chandley, teacher, for transmitting such a great amount of energy and motivation on to all in Epsom College to make this very hard task possible.



Once again Jimmy Page gave his great support to Task Brasil by endorsing Epsom College's initiative. Jimmy agreed to attend a fundraising day at the college. The day was extremely successful and raised a considerable amount towards the purchase of Epsom College Farm.

Initial maintenance work on the existing farm buildings has begun, vegetables have already been planted and a long term plan for the cultivation of crops is being drawn up by an experienced organic farmer, Philippe Hamoniaux. When the farm is up and running it will accommodate teenage boys from the streets of Rio de Janeiro.

Epsom College Farm will offer these boys the opportunity to live in a productive environment away from the dangers of the streets. TBT aims to initially accommodate 10 boys up to 15 years old, who are eager to change their future outlook on life but would not easily do it otherwise. It is envisaged that the Young Offenders



Children from Casa Jimmy helping with the crops

Prison of Rio de Janeiro State will refer boys who have shown consistent willingness to change their future. Other boys will be referred by TBT's Street Approach project, the Juvenile Judge and other related bodies.

Epsom College Farm is expected to become self-sustainable within 5 years. Boys will grow and manage organic produce and will be introduced to renewable energy, recycling techniques and ecological issues.

Children and teenagers from Casa Jimmy have been taken to visit the farm and are always very impressed and excited. Many have never left the city before and it is a wonderful experience for them.

Task Brasil would also like to thank Epsom College for their continued support of the project with their most recent donation of £2,500 which will go towards the purchase of a vehicle to be used at the Epsom College Farm.

## Most Valuable Support

**Peter Hall** and his fiancée Ingrid visited Casa Jimmy in September and we were very pleased to welcome them. Peter is the ABC Trust trustee and



through ABC Trust donated £5,000 earlier this year towards Casa Jimmy's running costs. As a result of this donation 50% of the salary of the Coordinator Assistant and the full salary of the part-time Psychologist have been secured for 12 months until July 2003.

During his visit Peter also pledged to donate further funds to build Casa Charlotte next door to Casa Jimmy. This land is to be acquired with funds already secured.



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**Steve Stovall**, a new Task Brazil trustee, made a private donation of US\$40,000 to Task Brasil Inc. We celebrated the occasion at dinner in London. Present were Jimmy and Jimena Page, Gibson's director Pat Fowley and wife, Iron Maiden guitarist Adrian Smith and his wife Nathalie and Lisa Atkin. Thanks to Gibson Guitars, Task Brasil Trust presented Steve with a wonderful guitar signed by Jimmy Page.

**Rotary Club donation** – We are extremely pleased to announce the Rotary Club's US\$ 22,000 recent donation. Thanks to the Neri Infant's initiative, rotarians from Shoreditch & City of London, Italy and France joined together in an incredible fundraising effort which was matched by Rotary Club Foundation US. As a result TBT has been able to carry out the following essential work in Casa Jimmy.

All the children's beds are being repaired and replaced with new mattresses.

Rewiring work at Casa Jimmy has been finalised, new cupboards and wardrobes are being fitted, storage space was dramatically improved by having new shelving units fitted, new office furniture and a computer have been acquired; piping work, safety and security measures were carried out (new gates, windows netting and glass replacement for windows). The garage has been finally refurbished to accommodate TBT's van and at the same time to become a workshop area and class room during week days.



Casa Jimmy's garage being refurbished

**British Airways** – In April of this year the staff and children at Casa Jimmy were very pleased to receive the visit of Geoff Want and his family. The children had a great time playing with his children and Mr Want was also able to visit the house and the land for Casa Charlotte.



Mr Want is the Director of Safety, Security and Risk Management at British Airways and was on his second visit to Casa Jimmy. This year Mr Want was also able to put Task Brasil forward as a possible beneficiary to the BA/Unicef scheme: 'Change for Good'. Through this scheme Task Brasil has now received a donation of £3,000, which will be used to pay the full salary of a keyworker for the pregnant teenagers for 12 months and to supplement the

salary of the Programmes Co-ordinator at Casa Jimmy.

British Airways continues to provide essential support to the projects in Brazil. They have provided Task Brasil with a number of flights and most recently, British Airways has agreed to work in partnership with Task Brasil in promoting the Volunteer Placement Scheme, by providing our volunteers with special flight rates.

**HMS Ships** – This year

there were two visits by the HMS ships to Rio. Capt Steve Timms, the British Naval Attaché once again organized vital support and help for Casa Jimmy. HMS Newcastle and HMS Westminster brought over donations gathered by TBT-UK and British Airways' Action for Street Children (ASC). The donation of clothes and shoes, blankets, toiletries, educational materials and toys were also distributed to ASC's supported projects.



HMS Newcastle Crew insulating the Casa Jimmy Annex roof

The committed crew members of HMS Newcastle (in June) and HMS Westminster (in September) also contributed with their most needed labour and skills. They replaced roof tiles to protect the roof on the Casa Jimmy Annex, trimmed hedges, repaired windows and beds, maintained electrical work, and cleared rubble from the Casa Jimmy grounds, which was caused by a severe storm (very hard work!) The crew also repaired cots and windows and cleared some garage spaces that need redecorating.

These garages will be used as a workshop for Task Brazil's Street Approach Project which works with teenagers



HMS Westminster Crew

still living on the streets of Rio. At the end of a day of hard work, the crew also found the energy to organise an amazing barbecue party at Casa Jimmy, which was tremendously enjoyed by all of the children, teenagers, volunteers and staff at the house.

The support provided by the Royal Navy continues to ensure the growth and development of Task Brasil's projects.

**Trinifold** – UK donated ABC Trust £2,000 in benefit of Casa Jimmy. The donation enabled TBT to secure the salary of a part-time nurse and to supplement the salary of the Programme Coordinator. We would like to thank Robert Rosenberg, a director for Trinifold, very much for his efforts in making this donation possible. When children and teenagers arrive at Casa Jimmy, they are usually undernourished and often sick having spent time on the streets. Now, the presence of our own nurse can ensure that they regain their strength and health soon after arrival.

**American Society** – Donna Moran, from the American Society, continues to be very

supportive of Casa Jimmy's work, and particularly of the *Shining Light Programme*. This year she once again organised the sale of the teenager's jewellery at a charity fair hosted by the American Society and the Union Church Host.

The sale of jewellery at the fair further motivated the teenagers to carry on producing beautiful and well made items.

## Children's update

Casa Jimmy continues to be a hive of activity with a total of fourteen children and five adolescent girls.

**Tamires** is growing up so fast. She has many friends from school and loves dressing up and dancing to the latest pop tunes with them. She is very kind to the other children in Casa Jimmy and is always reminding them to share with each other. Tamires is soon going to America to live with her new adopted family. We will all miss our little ray of sunshine but wish her the best in her new life.



**Bruno de Céu** is a strong, independent character who is also growing up fast. He loves to make people laugh with his clown antics and although not attending school at the moment, is receiving home tutoring in English from the volunteers. He looks up to all the men at Casa Jimmy and is happiest when 'shooting hoops' with Frank, our volunteer from Belfast, or washing the van with our driver, Rogério.

**Cassiano** and **Wanderson** are brothers who also like to help with odd jobs around Casa Jimmy - as long as they don't take place during an episode of Thundercats!!! Both are polite, well rounded children who are doing well in school and at their extra curricular activities.

**Bruninho** (little Bruno) is an adorable, cheeky monkey with buckets of energy and a smile that brightens up the whole room. He has a sparkle in his eyes and a mischievous, infectious laugh. He loves swimming in the pool and dancing along to his favourite 'Shrek' songs. He attends school every morning and goes to a speech therapist once a week.



Romário, Brunino & Bruna

His twin sister, **Bruna**, also goes to a speech therapist once a week and goes to school in the afternoon. She is, on the one hand, quite a tom boy, not to be outdone by any of the boys. On the other hand, Bruna is very patient with the younger children in Casa Jimmy and will often run to comfort one of the babies. Like her twin, she has a cheeky smile and mischief in her eyes.

Bruninho and Bruna's older brother **Romário**, although small for his age, is a skilled footballer and Capoeira player. He plays Capoeira twice a

week and goes to school with his brother every morning.

**Bianca**, Casa Jimmy's little princess, is quite content with her own company. When the other children are watching a video, Bianca is usually happier playing with her dolls or making a house out of blankets. She goes to a crèche every day where she is making great progress.

**Lucas Gabriel** came to Casa Jimmy only one month ago. At first he was a frightened and agitated child who would not sit still or interact with the other children. Over the last four weeks, however, there has been a great improvement in his behaviour. He is much more relaxed now and happy-go-lucky. He is also very affectionate.

**Wellington** is the son of Lirisnéia who spent time in Casa Jimmy when she was pregnant with her son. Wellington has always lived in Casa Jimmy although his mother now lives outside and continues to visit regularly. Wellington is a well adjusted, happy child. He loves music and swimming.

**Lucas de Silva** is also the son of a teenager who spent time at Casa Jimmy during her pregnancy. He is a content baby who is doted on by everyone.



**Victor (5) and Alexandre (7) Ferreira Pereira** were adopted by an Italian couple in June of this year. Both children were living at Casa Jimmy since it opened in 1998. Their half-sister, Tamires, is still living in Casa Jimmy, but is also being adopted later this year.

Alexandre and Tamires were found wandering the streets of Rio de Janeiro in 1998. They had been separated from their mother who was in the terminal stages of Aids. The children were referred to Casa Jimmy. Their younger brother Victor, who was missing at the time, was taken to Casa Jimmy a few days later. The children were taken to see their mother on a weekly basis until she died in January 2000. Their father also died of Aids. The children are not HIV positive.

Alexandre and Victor are both very intelligent, curious and slightly mischievous children, who have developed extremely well during their time at Casa Jimmy. They will be greatly missed by the children, teenagers and staff at Casa Jimmy, who held a great party for them before they left.

Initial reports from Italy indicate they are both very happy with their new family. The couple are eager for Victor and Alexandre to keep contact with Tamires, as is the family who will be adopting Tamires.

**Matheus Lucas Ramos (4) and João Victor Santos (6)**, who are half-brothers, were reunited with their mother and father earlier this year.

Matheus and João Victor were referred to Casa Jimmy by Rio de Janeiro's social services in June of 2000, after their mother asked for help as she was living on the streets with the two boys.

Both parents always showed affection towards the two boys, they began to visit them on a regular basis and were very eager to be reintegrated with them. However, it was decided by the juvenile judge

to delay reintegration until the family found a more stable home environment for the boys.

Their parents successfully managed to find full-time employment and were placed into a local housing programme.

Initial reports indicate that the boys are doing very well, they continue to go to school and seem very happy to be living back with their parents. The boys pay sporadic visits to Casa Jimmy, and the staff at the house continue to provide practical support to their family.

## Teenager's update

We are all very excited about the latest arrival.

**Naura** gave birth to a healthy baby boy over the weekend and the



Karine, Débora, Adriana & Naura are all living at Casa Jimmy at the moment

house is looking forward to her return at the end of the week.

Naura (15) is from Rondônia and arrived pregnant in Rio when she was still 14 years old.

**Eliane Maria Alves (18)** was reintegrated with her aunt in June of this year.

Eliane arrived at Casa Jimmy in August 2000. She was 8 months pregnant and had been living on the streets after running away from home due to family disputes. She gave birth to **Pedro Henrique** in September 2000.

When Eliane arrived at Casa Jimmy she was illiterate but with careful support, the team at Casa Jimmy organised for Eliane to go back to school. She began cookery and manicure courses, which she enjoyed and became very motivated to finish. Eliane has very good practical and artistic skills and was also very motivated in the jewellery workshops. Eliane is not very academically minded but made significant progress in elevating her literacy levels.

We are hopeful that she will be able to maintain this motivation in her new environment.

**Dulcinéia (20)** was also reintegrated with her aunt after having a still born baby. Dulcinéia first arrived at Casa Jimmy in 1999, she was then reintegrated with her partner's family and later with her aunt. Dulcinéia was unhappy in both these situations. After becoming pregnant for a second time, she once again became homeless and asked to return to Casa Jimmy. She gave birth to **Alexandre Lucas** and became committed to finding a job and becoming an independent mother.

Dulcinéia started working in a restaurant and agreed to return to her aunt, after resolving some family disputes. We are confident that Dulcinéia has the ability to continue to build an independent life for herself and her son.

**Débora da Silva Rosa (16)** first arrived at Casa Jimmy in 2001 where she gave birth to Yan Kleyton on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2001. She had been doing very well at school and with vocational courses. Débora was reintegrated with her family earlier this year but unfortunately this did

not work out. Débora became pregnant once again and gave birth to her second son Luan on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2002. Due to family disagreements she once again left home and found herself on the streets.

As part of Casa Jimmy's commitment to the children's and teenagers' well being during and after their stay, we have recently welcomed Débora back to the project.

Débora, who has spent time at Casa Jimmy during both of her pregnancies, has returned once again with both her sons. When she returned one week ago, her oldest son, Yan, clung to his mother's leg and cried if she was out of his sight. Now, one week on, he will happily play with the volunteers and has found a new pal in baby Lucas.

**Angélica** (16) arrived pregnant at Casa Jimmy and gave birth to Lucas da Silva on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2001. At the beginning of this year Angelica was referred back to school started a part-time work placement in governmental body.

Unfortunately, Angélica started skipping school and got involved with her old friends who were still on the streets. She ran away and left Lucas at Casa Jimmy. She stopped working and going to school. Now, she lives with her new boyfriend's mother and visits Lucas sporadically.

Although all of the children and teenagers continue to make excellent progress while at Casa Jimmy, the harsh realities of their lives before arriving mean that there are always ongoing problems.

## Staff & Volunteer News

**Amalie Stuck** – Amalie started working at Casa Jimmy earlier this year as the resident Social Worker. We are now very pleased



to announce that Amalie has become Casa Jimmy's Programmes Co-ordinator. She is now responsible for staff, training and education policies for the children and teenagers. We are confident that Amalie's many years of experience and dedication will ensure her continued success.

**Cicero Romão de Souza** – Cicero has worked at Casa Jimmy as an Educador (key worker) for over two years. Cicero has always been a well-liked and well-respected member of staff, which is why he became Casa Jimmy's new Coordinator Assistant. Cicero has been providing essential practical support to the Co-ordinator for the last eight months, ensuring the smooth-running and maintenance of Casa Jimmy.

**Luciano de Oliveira Marques** is the office assistant and is in charge, with Tania Gregorio (Legal Representative), of all the highly bureaucratic issues. Luciano used to work for the Local Council's accounts department and brought with him great experience in preparing the lengthy accounts required by the Local Government. He helps organise the pay roll, TBT's Brazil accounts, control sheets as well as receipts and payments.

**Adriana Alice** – Became Casa Jimmy's new Social Worker replacing Amalie. Adriana is responsible for the very essential job of encouraging familial contact for the children and teenagers, assessing the possibility of reintegration, providing support to family's after reintegration, as well as liaising with the children's psychologists and teachers in order to assess and provide for their individual special needs.

**Isabella Bragança** – With newly secured funds, Casa Jimmy employed Isabella as the home's part-time resident psychologist. Isabella has been providing essential support and guidance to the staff, volunteers, children and teenagers.

**Milena Gaspar** has a degree in Artistic Education and is the new Key Worker for the teenagers. She is in charge of the teenage girls and their education. She is committed to ensuring the emotional development of the girls and provides them with the tools that will enable them to become independent and responsible mothers in the future. Her work is vital in ensuring that the babies of these girls get a better start in life.

From January, **Julia Sauma** will leave her duties in the UK office to be Rio's new Volunteer Leader. Julia has, since August 2001, run the TBT-UK office (often single-handedly). Julia started her involvement with Task Brasil as a volunteer in the UK. Later, she spent 6 months working with TBT in Rio before returning to work in the UK office.

**Kathryn Mathews**, who spent 3 months as a volunteer in Rio earlier this year, will return to Casa Jimmy as the TBT Volunteer Leader, until January 2003. From February 2003 Kathryn will become TBT's new office administrator in London. Thanks to British Airways it is being made possible for Kathryn to travel to Rio.

We would like to congratulate **Rosane Rosa Tiago** and family on the birth of their new baby boy Natan.

## Volunteers

The support that Task Brasil receives from placements in Rio de Janeiro cannot be underestimated. Placements have continued to provide invaluable help in the smooth-running of Casa Jimmy during 2002.



Overseas volunteers help Task Brasil Trust in a number of different ways. The money raised by each volunteer before coming to Rio helps with the overall cost of running Casa Jimmy. The volunteers also run daily activities for the children and teenagers. These activities include music workshops, arts and crafts, sports and swimming lessons, and tutoring in English and Maths. Many volunteers also help with the daily running of Casa Jimmy by providing a much needed support network for the Nurse, Cook, Cleaner and maintenance staff. As Task Brasil increases its projects in Rio, volunteers also help out with the development of Epsom College Farm and the planning of and preparing for the continuation of the Street Approach Project.

The following are the names of volunteers who completed their placements and provided

particularly essential support to the staff and work at Casa Jimmy:

<b>Kathryn Matthews</b>	3 months
<b>Carla Heyworth</b>	3 months
<b>James 'Jig' Cochran</b>	1 month
<b>Maria &amp; Annette Crump</b>	1 week
<b>Lindsey Williams</b> (BA staff)	1 month
<b>Ewan MacKenzie</b>	1 month
<b>Fernanda Aranha</b>	3 months
<b>James MacArthur</b> (ex-Epsom College student)	2 weeks
<b>Jonathan Gill</b> (ex-Epsom College student)	2 weeks
<b>Cerian Hiscott</b>	1 month
<b>Saskia Wilson</b>	1 month
<b>Matthew Youkee</b>	2 weeks

We would also like to give a big thank you to **Samantha Leigh** who spent two and a half months and was unable to complete her placement due to health reasons, but who showed tremendous commitment to the children at Casa Jimmy by returning to the project after surgery.

**Micci Gorrod** spent 3 and a half months at Casa Jimmy and made a special contribution by putting together a Volunteer Welcoming Booklet. Other volunteers also contributed with their views and tips included in the leaflet.

At present there are five overseas volunteers working with Task Brasil in Rio. **Candice D'Silva**, from UK/India, is on placement for 5 mths, **Frank Maddin**, from Belfast, is staying in Casa Jimmy for 1 year, **Beatriz Rodriguez Cordero**, from Spain, is working part time with the children for 6 months, and **Aisling Flanagan** and **Kate Clark**, both from Ireland, are on placement for 6 months.

We are also currently expecting Lauren Hopkins and Martina Kluck from the UK, as well as David Salpeter and Anny Ha from the USA, in the next few months.

*Many thanks to all the volunteers, past, present and future. Your efforts are greatly valued by all at Task Brasil Trust.*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Tristan McCowan** so much for his continuous support and valuable help. Tristan was a volunteer in Rio for 6 months in 2000, then became TBT-UK officer in 2001 until he began his masters degree in International Development and Education. Now that he has finished his course and is spending time in Brazil, Tristan agreed to cover as Volunteer Leader until Kathryn arrives to take over.

**Philippe Hamoniaux**, a specialist in organic farm management, has kindly agreed to help prepare a strategic, long-term plan for Epsom College Farm. Philippe, will be spending some time at the farm, along with the volunteers.

## Street Approach

Task Brasil is pleased to announce that, after meeting with Rio de Janeiro's juvenile judge,

Ciro Darlan, official support has now been given to the Street Approach Project.

As reported in the last newsletter, the Street Approach Project had been suspended in 2001 due to conflicts with the police. The children and teenagers involved were all very disappointed.

Traditionally, Street Children in Rio have always been placed in state run institutions, but recent research has shown that this approach has only limited success due to the transitional problems faced by the children and a lack of sufficient investment. Initially, local authorities in Rio were wary of Task Brasil's new approach to working with Street Children which provided daily workshops that the children could attend.

Through these workshops, the Street Approach Project aimed to provide a 'bridge' for the children as they began to reintegrate back into mainstream society.

Now, thanks to the support of the Rio authorities, Task Brasil has received permission to continue the Street Approach Project.

## The Educational Project

We are very pleased to announce that Michael is about to finish his 'A' level equivalent in December this year. Rafael is well and is studying hard to enter university. He is looking into starting a Psychology Degree in 2003. Good luck Rafael!

In 1995, Michael and Rafael were part of Task Brasil pilot *Educational Project* which was run in partnership with the Electricity Board of São Paulo. Both boys came from a 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 very committed support of Lenice Mancinni, British Airways and Frank Lowe they gained scholarship at Escola Futuro, where both have studied until now.

The project has been a tremendous success. Task Brasil has accomplished its commitment to Rafael and Michael – to provide positive opportunities. Rafael and Michael carried on with their education, which they would probably not have done otherwise.

## Other Very Essential and Continuous Help

- **Dr Wagner Freitas, Marcelo Cinelli and Dr Gustavo de Paulo** – legal advice
- **GHN, Paula Zugaib** (and her team) – accounts
- **DHL** – courier services
- **Mozart** – computer support
- **Zé Maria and his team** – redecoration, plumbing and electrical work
- **Royal Sun Alliance** – car insurance
- **Miko and friends** – donations and support
- **Berenice B. Malta** – translation and F/R
- **Lene Maria Alves de Paiva** – translation and F/R
- **Lenice Mancine** – Educational Project

## News From the UK Task Brasil Volunteer Committee

In May of this year Task Brasil established a volunteer committee in order to create a more involved volunteer network.

Task Brasil invited volunteers from many different backgrounds to help maximise fundraising efforts and plan new fundraising and awareness raising strategies. At a time when Task Brasil's projects are growing and developing we are very pleased to have such committed support from volunteers in the UK.

Since the establishment of the committee volunteers have been particularly involved in the Notting Hill Carnival, which has been the most successful of many years. Committee volunteers also recently organised a small Hallowe'en Party at Bar Solo in Camden.

If you are interested in getting involved with the volunteer committee you can contact Yvonne Struthers or Ajay Rajani - [info@taskbrasil.org.uk](mailto:info@taskbrasil.org.uk).

## BA Action for Street Children



The Action for Street Children (BA-ASC) volunteers, the BA Runners, continue to provide crucial support to

Task Brasil's work in Rio de Janeiro. This year Task Brasil received the Runners four times. As part of their itinerary, they visited and support 6 other projects in Rio, organising educational activities for the children and teenagers. The Runners also give much needed love and affection to street children and teenagers of shelters they visit.



This year the Runners gave particular support in the *Epsom College Farm Project*, where they redecorated some of the buildings. During their

last visit in October the Runners also organised a great party, at Casa Jimmy, for the children and teenagers from projects the regularly visit. The party was also made possible thanks to the valuable help of volunteer entertainers and a generous donation of snacks by Sky Meals.

Once again we would like to thank Julie Shorter and Sarah Monger for their hard work in making these trips possible. We would also like to thank all of the British Airways volunteers for their continued dedication to helping street children in Brazil. We would also like to thank them for the donation of urgently needed equipment.

[www.britishairways.com/baactionforstreetschildren/docs/brazil.shtm](http://www.britishairways.com/baactionforstreetschildren/docs/brazil.shtm)

## Other Special Thanks

- **The Enid Blyton Trust** – donated £600 towards Task Brasil's work in Casa Jimmy
- **The Anglo-Brazilian Society** – donated £740 towards Task Brasil's projects
- **Claudia Beach (Montreux Festival)** – donated £500 towards Task Brasil's work

- **The Andrew Mitchell Christian Charitable Trust** – Donated £1,000 towards Task Brasil's projects
- **Liz Ashton** – donated US\$200, during her visit to Casa Jimmy earlier this year, to purchase a sewing machine to begin sewing workshop for the teenagers

*We would very much like to thank all supporters of Task Brasil Trust for their amazing contribution to help children and teenagers in Brazil!*

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- **Flora London Marathon 2002**  
This year Task Brasil's 11 Runners raised £7,823.86 between them. We were all very happy with the outcome, the London Marathon continues to be one of Task Brasil's most important fundraising events.

We are particularly thankful to Charlotte Allen, who raised £1,655.

Task Brasil has already received tremendous interest from runners wanting to run on our behalf in 2003. We wish the 2003 Task Brasil runners the best of luck with their training and a successful day on the 13<sup>th</sup> April!!

- **Notting Hill**

We had a particularly successful Notting Hill this year in which we raised £1,083.17. The success of the event was all down to the hard work of the volunteers on Sunday and Monday.

Task Brasil are particularly grateful to Yvonne Struthers, Ajay Rajani, Roberto Falero, Kevin Creed, Clare Duncan, Jack Shepherd, Carlos Almeida, Jeremy Layton-Henry and Elsa Xavier for all their hard work.

- **The Great River Race 2002**



This is a new fundraising event, which was very kindly brought to our attention by one of our London Marathon Runners – Jon Stone.

Jon Stone was team leader for the 'Hammer of the Gods' team in the Great River Race 2002. On the 7<sup>th</sup> September the 14 man crew rowed a replica Viking longboat 22 miles down the River Thames, from Richmond to Greenwich. The team estimate to have raised £2,000 for Task Brasil!

We are very grateful to Jon and his Viking Crew for all their efforts and hard work.

## Calendar of Forthcoming Events

- **Samba Christmas Party 2002, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at The Elysium (an award-winning club), Café Royal, Piccadilly** – Hosted by Jimmy & Jimena Page.



It costs nearly £100,000 a year to run Task Brasil Trust projects  
We very much need your help to secure the future of all programmes which we currently run  
ALL DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

This year Task Brasil will celebrate its 10th Christmas Party, in conjunction with ABC Trust, and sponsored by Gibson Guitars. Samba Christmas Party will be hosted by Jimmy and Jimena Page and is being organised by Nathalie Smith and Lisa Atkin. This exciting party has already confirmed the attendance of a number of celebrities. There will be a dinner for 170 guests followed by a party for 300.



There will be a canapés & cocktails reception followed by Live Music with artists from Smoke City and Da Lata, a Samba show and a Guest DJ. A raffle will also be held, giving you the chance to win a return flight to Rio de Janeiro!!! (Compliments of )

Come and dance your winter blues away with Task Brasil & ABC Trust!

• **Smart & Cook Christmas Dinner, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December @ Leeds United Football Club.**

Sean Hicks of the Smart & Cook Group has been organising this event for the last ten years and it is held annually at the Leeds United Football Club. This event was traditionally organised to raise funds for two local charities, however, this year Mr Hicks will also be raising funds for Task Brasil.

During the evening a raffle, auction and bingo will be held in order to raise funds. All of the tickets are now sold out!! We would like to express our warmest thanks to Mr Hicks for including Task Brasil in this event and to  for providing two return flights to Rio de Janeiro as prizes for the raffle.

• **Saci Cultura presents 'O Carnaval' on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003 @ The Loughborough Hotel.**



Next year Saci Cultura will be organising a different type of Carnival that will be open to the whole family.

100% of proceeds from tickets sold by Task Brasil will go to Task Brasil's projects helping street children and teenagers – to book your ticket please call 020 7394 1177.

• **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2003 – The Flora London Marathon – for more information please call 020 7394 1177.**

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**Very Special People (to name a few)**

Jimmy Page, Capt. Steven Timms, Capt. Roger Turner, Col. Michael Bowles, Duncan Innes, Paul Sutcliffe, Lisa Atkin, Nathalie Smith, Carlos & Alice Almeida, Rosa Dias, Silvia Costa and Graham Loughbridge, Remo Grasso, Sean Kicks, Elaine Waller, Gill Kenny, Giacomo Picca, Jacqui Sterry, Sean Hicks, Chris Hart, Rod MacSween, Edna Crepaldi, Cida de Assis, Sambura Band, Nina and Chris, Sarabanda and Luiz de Almeida, Ajay Rajani, Yvonne Struthers, Manoj Jangra, Roberto Falero, Michael Stretton, Isabel Neto, Kevin Creed, Elsa Xavier, David Sarras, Naz and many more...

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-  Donation of land for Casa Charlotte and car insurance [www.cguseguros.com.br](http://www.cguseguros.com.br)
- Regular donations: [//atschool.eduweb.co.uk/hope](mailto://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/hope)
- Courier Services:   
[www.dhl.com](http://www.dhl.com)
- Photocopying Technical Support: Eurocopy   
[www.eoe.plc.co.uk](http://www.eoe.plc.co.uk)
- Accounts in Brazil: **GHN**   
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- Internet services and Design: Creative, Production, New Media   
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- ITB - Rod MacSween continuous support   
e-mail: [mail@itb.co.uk](mailto:mail@itb.co.uk)
- The London Marathon sponsor:   
[www.journeylatinamerican.co.uk](http://www.journeylatinamerican.co.uk)
- Legal Advise: MARRIOTT HARRISON Solicitors   
[www.marriotharrison.co.uk](http://www.marriotharrison.co.uk)
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[www.where-to-eat.co.uk/reviews/reviews.htm](http://www.where-to-eat.co.uk/reviews/reviews.htm)
-  Transport, donations & support :   
[www.royal-navy.mod.uk](http://www.royal-navy.mod.uk)
- Event's fundraising & DJ: Saci Cultura   
[www.ocarnival.co.uk](http://www.ocarnival.co.uk)
- Guitars & Musical Instruments   
[www.gibson.com](http://www.gibson.com)

➤ Casa Jimmy's refurbishment:   
[www.foundation.reuters.com](http://www.foundation.reuters.com)

➤ Office premises: Southwark Council   
[www.litmus1.demon.co.uk](http://www.litmus1.demon.co.uk)

➤ Prizes and placement flights sponsorship:   
[www.varigbrasil.com](http://www.varigbrasil.com)

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[www.viramundo.com](http://www.viramundo.com)

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[www.thames-water.com](http://www.thames-water.com)

➤ Best insurance deals:   
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➤ Training & Donations: Bank Boston   
[www.bankboston.com.br](http://www.bankboston.com.br)

➤ Brazilian Contemporary Arts – Great Financial support   
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