

*Think of a year, sew a seed,
Think of a decade, plant a tree.
Think of a century, nurture a person.*
Albert Schweitzer

Dear Friends,

Reports on natural and man-made catastrophes, famines, child abuse, etc. often produce feelings of powerlessness and helplessness. Yet, “Trust is courage and loyalty is strength.” (Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach).

We are enormously grateful that we have found people with hearts in Brazil, people who have the same concerns as us and who are pursuing the same aim. For example, the Grupo AdoleScER Recife, headed by Gunde Schneider, is attempting to use education to break the vicious circle of poverty and violence, drugs, teenage pregnancies, HIV/AIDS. It utilizes the peer education concept as a way of helping others help themselves. There are currently 100 young people from the poorer quarters on a three year course training as *Peer Educators*.

Thanks to your donations we were able to support this project with a gift of €5,000 giving many young people the unique opportunity to grow and thrive. For innumerable young people and their families, the world will be brighter and sunnier due to your donations.

The following may be read in the annual report of the Grupo AdoleScER and the support organisation for Brazil -group und des Förderkreises für Brasilien – Helping Others Help Themselves : “We would like to thank Elfriede Kloke-Eibl for her wonderful choreographies. Mercia (her student) is currently preparing for the Misa Latina Americana with children and young people from 4 favelas. We are grateful to the Stichting Favela children for their unfailingly spontaneous, generous help and solidarity.” Stichting has also made a large donation to this cause. A DVD is being planned in collaboration with the filmmaker Michael Schilhansl. The proceeds will be used to benefit the favelas. >> More information on Grupo AdoleScER : – available in German on www.adolesc.org.br. <<

We were in Rio again, this time the ninth time – and at the wish of “our children” – we visited the Corcovado spending an unforgettable day with our families. Over the years we have grown very fond of the children and their mothers and are connected by a mutual understanding. We found the time to chat to each of the mothers and children and ask them how they were and about their ups and downs. –

Incidentally, Paulo is working as a bell boy at the Copacabana Sheraton Hotel. At the beginning of next year he is getting married to a beautiful young woman and 5 months later will become a father.

Father Eckart, who founded a large hospital and the harbour school (attended by 3 of our children Laiane, Fernanda und Thiago) in Rio, and also ran several social projects has retired for reasons of ill-health at the age of 75 and appointed Father Francisco Belotti as his successor. We make an annual donation of €3,000 to the school and this year we were able to donate €5,000 to the Children’s Village which provides a home for abused and maltreated children.

The **Women’s Project**, run by Claudia, is continuing to develop extremely positively. She has employed an assistant to help with the practical jobs so that she can concentrate more on the social problems of the families. Unfortunately she does not have the time to send us regular detailed reports, but she nonetheless has our full confidence. Stichting pays her a monthly salary of R\$ 400.

Pepi, the project manager of the **Galpao dos Meninos e Meninas de Santo Amaro** in Recife also send us a detailed project report which can be viewed on our website www.sacreddance.de together with an appeal for support. Stichting donated €5,000 to the music and dance projects.

We have a profound need at this point to thank you for your loyalty, your commitment and the trust you have placed in us. Each cent, each investment is a seed.

We hope that we will be able to send you a DVD next year so that you can see for yourselves the wonderful, hardworking, brave people here and experience our children and families “live”.

In the name of all the children and young people, we would like to wish you with all our hearts a celebration of love and hope and a healthy and happy 2012 and „*that the light of each and every dawn brings new happiness and your path is lit by the stars in the heavens.*”
(Gunde Schneider)

Sending you warm greetings ,

Friedel Kloke-Eibl

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