

# TASK BRASIL Newsletter

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## What we have been doing...

### Casa Roger Turner Inauguration - 4th April 2006

This year saw the opening of CRT, a day centre and overnight shelter for teenage boys in Santa Teresa. The day was a huge success, hosted by the British Royal Defence Attaché Col. Ralph Ashenhurst and attended by Jonathan Murno from EMBL - The Emerging Markets Benefit Ltd, representatives from Wilson Sons, Rio's governor, the British Consulate and also Rio's juvenile judge. Two members of Task Brasil's advisory committee in Brazil were also present along with children, staff and volunteers from TBT's other projects. Capt. Roger Turner was unfortunately unable to attend as he now lives in Australia since his retirement from the British Royal Navy as the Attaché (1997 - 2000) in Brazil.



Casa Roger Turner Inauguration, 4th April 2006



the first resident of Casa Jimena

### Casa Jimena - opened 1st June 2006:

On 1st June 2006, we opened Casa Jimena to our first teenager, Daiana. This is a new

hostel for young mothers (and their babies) aged 18 to 22, who have previously lived at Casa Jimmy. It is aimed towards those who are in the process of gaining their financial independence, to ultimately become responsible and productive members of society.

### Casa Jimmy - Anniversary 13th October

Casa Jimmy celebrated its 8th anniversary on 31st October - *Parabens!* A number of guests attended including representatives of the Juvenile Judge (with a personal letter from Judge Dr. Ivone Ferreira Caetano), Wilson Sons, the British Consulate and the British School in Rio.

*"Working with Task Brasil was one of the best things I have done in my life. Each child gave and taught me something. For that alone, I have to return so that I can give something back!"*  
 Carolyn Rajaratnam, Volunteer in Brazil, April 2006

### STOP PRESS!

Task Brasil and ABC Trust's 'Fire & Ice' Christmas party, **9th December 2006 @ the Embassy Club, Mayfair, 7pm - 11pm\***

Join us for a night of live music featuring Nina & Chris (the Boa band), Matt Sage, and Kym Mazelle & the Urban Blues Band (featuring Pee Wee Ellis and Skip MacDonald) with special guests, complimentary champagne, cocktails, wine & beer and a wide selection of canapés and a Brazilian floating buffet. We are pleased to welcome new patrons Leslie Ash, Bruce Dickinson, Emily Cash and Pat Cash. We will also be holding a raffle and auction, with some great prizes and much more!!! Tickets for the evening cost £75 and are available from our office on 0207 735 5545 \* The bar will remain open after 11pm.

### Fat Boyz v Task Brasil Polo Match, 24th September 2006

The Royal Berkshire Polo Club hosted this event which was a fantastic success, featuring the London School of Samba, a Brazilian

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Casa Jimmy children, October 2006



Fat Boyz & Task Brasil teams & the hand-painted trophy

style BBQ, plenty of drinks and a Task Brasil v Fat Boyz polo match. We are pleased to announce that the Task Brasil team took home the winner's trophy, which was hand-painted by a Brazilian artist who also works with street children. The day attracted over 100 guests, and raised over £15,000. Many thanks to everyone involved, especially to our valued supporters Silvia Costa and Roy Moëd, who organised the day.

Ecotour group at the waterfalls



## Ecotour, October 2006 - Fruit tree planting and compost making

Seven people took part in the latest Ecotour, spending five days working at Epsom College Farm and three days taking in the wonderful sights that Rio has to offer - the statue of Christ, Sugar Loaf mountain, the Modern Art Museum and the beautiful beaches. Thank you to everyone for your hard work - we are pleased to say that a great deal was achieved over the five days. The group have given very positive feedback and have generously donated a further 500 Reais to the boys at the farm for a day trip. We would like to give our special thanks to 'ecotourist' Bob Gilchrist who raised over £1,600 for ECF.

Nine day Ecotour - **The Organic Farming Experience** trips run during April, June and October.

Five day **Farming Experience** trips take place in January and August.

Contact us to participate in one of these exciting trip opportunities!

*"The Ecotour was brilliant. I enjoyed every moment and would love to go back and volunteer."*

*Charlie Fox, Ecotour participant, November 2006*



Mini Ecotour, June 2006, Forest House (solar panels donated by British Airways)

## Mini-Ecotour

Another successful Mini-Ecotour was organised by Task Brasil for 9 Ernst and Young employees who joined us for the 2nd year running for a long weekend in June. They painted Forest House and harvested fruits and vegetables with the teenage boys who live there. We are grateful to all the participants for their great help and support. This tour raised almost £5,000 for Task Brasil projects, and we have another company interested in organising a tour next year. If you would like to organise something similar in your company, we would love to hear from you! Please contact us to discuss availability.

*"On behalf of the whole team, I would just like to thank you for what was a fantastic and unforgettable trip to Brazil. I think I speak on everyone's behalf when I say that we were bowled over with what Task Brasil is achieving."*  
*Ernst & Young Team, James Cooper - June 2006*

## Case Studies

### Pamela, 5 years old, Casa Jimmy

Pamela has lived at Casa Jimmy for most of her life. She is an intelligent girl, and is learning to read and write at the local school. She has blossomed since being fitted with her new prosthetic leg, and now enjoys running and playing with the other children. She is having ongoing physiotherapy and appears to be progressing very well.

Pamela was made available for adoption when it was decided by the juvenile authorities that her parents were no longer capable of looking after her satisfactorily. We are delighted to say that she has recently been adopted and is happily living with her new family nearby in Santa Teresa.

### Rodrigo, 17 years old, Casa Roger Turner

Rodrigo has lived at Casa Roger Turner since April 2006. He initially arrived at Forest House in December 2005 as a temporary resident, and was transferred to another shelter in January. He ran away from the new shelter and contacted TBT staff asking to return to the farm as he did not want to continue living on the streets.

We offered Rodrigo a place at CRT as he is already past the age limit for Forest House. At CRT he continues to receive the psychological counseling he started at IPUB in 2004, whilst living at another shelter. Rodrigo has lived in many different shelters and unfortunately, due to a breakdown in family relationships, it has not been possible to reintegrate him with his mother. He can barely read or write. He has recently had his birth certificate issued allowing us to enrol him in a local school. Rodrigo dreams of becoming a dancer, and has recently been sponsored to attend private dance classes for a year.



# Project Updates

## Casa Jimmy:

More than 340 children and teenagers have lived at Casa Jimmy and benefited from the care of Task Brasil over the years. Over 80% of the children have been reintegrated with family members or successfully adopted. Since January 2006 the Prefeitura (Rio's Local Authority) has reinstated its funding to Casa Jimmy through the SMAS (Secretaria Municipal de Assistencia Social). However, the funds only amount to half what we used to receive from them in 2004 when payments were suspended, making the need for additional income an urgent matter for Task Brasil.

We are very grateful to Jimmy Page who has continued his support for the work of Task Brasil by helping to fund operational costs and the cost of maintenance and repair work required at Casa Jimmy.

Wilson Sons also donated R\$50,000 towards Casa Jimmy's running costs in November 2006 in addition to their donation in December 2005. Further donations were received from The Carmichael & Mason Charitable Trust, The Paget Trust and The N Smith Charitable Settlement.

We are very grateful to EMBL for their extremely generous £110,000 donation earlier in the year towards TBT's projects!!!

The placement volunteers continue to be an invaluable source of help at Casa Jimmy and our other projects, sharing their skills and looking after the children on a daily basis. We also have regular help from local volunteers, in particular Fatima Ilha, a doctor trained as a nutritionist, who dedicates time at

the project three times a week ensuring the children and teenagers have a healthy diet.

Sr. Dino has been Casa Jimmy's Father Christmas for the last three years. The children just love it! They can't wait to voice their wishes yet again on this festive occasion. Renato Costa from Animalia has also, over the years, run a food appeal for Casa Jimmy at his veterinary clinic. Giane Zimmer and her colleagues have organized a similar campaign at Companhia Vale do Rio Doce. Barry McDonagh has donated 2,000 euros and The Edinburgh Fashion Academy Show organized by Jackie Marsh raised a massive £6,633.50.

## Casa Charlotte:

Casa Charlotte, a home for teenage girls and their babies is temporarily based at Casa Jimmy. The girls learn income-generating skills such as making jewellery and decorating flip flops, as well as helping with domestic tasks. They also attend a number of local courses such as hairdressing, manicure, sewing and cooking. We are continuing to provide guidance and support to help them look after their children, whilst at the same time encouraging them to continue studying and working towards their chosen careers.

There are plans to relocate the girls to their own new building in the near future. Their donation would complement £30,000 donated by Peter Hall and £25,000 by Accenture (UK) employees through an application

submitted by Mai Dillon. We were thrilled that Alex and her family joined our Ecotour in October. The Rio Authorities are very keen that we care for more young teenage mothers and their babies and we are hopeful that they will increase their funding towards Casa Charlotte which is also being supported by The Ardwick Trust and The Marr-Munning Trust.



Andrea, Vanessa, Taiane & Luciene, October 2006

## Casa Jimena:

Daiana was one of the first children Task Brasil met in 1994, while she was still living on the streets. She lived at Casa Jimmy for 3 years before moving back to live with her family and then to temporary accommodation in a favela with a half sister who is a drug addict. Daiana, now 19 years old, is living at Casa Jimena and doing well with her studies. She is also learning English and working part-time in a trainee position at The National Institute of Meteorology.

Casa Jimena, opened in June, will be run at minimum cost, with close supervision and guidance from the project leader of Casa Charlotte and our technical team. It is a home for young teenage mothers and their babies who are not able to return home when they turn 18. They will be attending school and working. More teenagers are expected to be joining Daiana at Casa Jimena very soon.



Andrea with her daughter Maria Eduarda

## Epsom College Farm:

We were pleased to celebrate the 1st year anniversary of Forest House on 10th March 2006 at Epsom College Farm (90km North-East of Rio de Janeiro city). The boys are doing well at school whilst enjoying the farm's peaceful, forest surroundings and swimming in the nearby river. On the farm they learn income generating



Snack time at Casa Jimmy



Fish farming lake at ECF, donated by Chris Hart



TBT's Youth Worker handing out refreshments



CRT team and boys, October 2006

skills and spend on average two hours each day in the vegetable gardens or helping feed the chickens, planting, weeding and maintaining the land.

Thanks to EMBL funds, Task Brasil has been able to increase the number of staff to enable Forest House to operate to its full capacity, caring for up to 10 boys. The project is also partially financed by ABC Trust (UK). A new Kombi van, acquired thanks to a trust and a private donation, was a high priority on our Wish List in order to ferry the increased number of boys at Forest House back and forth to schools and various activities.

Chris Hart donated US\$12,000 for road improvement work, repair of drains at Forest House, refurbishment of the office and staff accommodation, fencing for the introduction of live stock at the farm and a large pond for fish farming.

Epsom College students and teachers once again managed to raise an amazing £10,706 for Epsom College Farm and Forest House. We are grateful for their continuous and invaluable support.

Thanks also to The Allan Charitable Trust who donated £1,000 towards staffing costs and the purchase of a strimmer. A&S Burton Trust contributed again, they donated £500 towards operational costs in 2006.

### Street Approach:

During the past months Task Brasil's youth workers and volunteers have been continuing their work with Rio de Janeiro's homeless teenagers. The Street

Approach team continue to do literacy exercises with the boys, and are introducing various mathematical exercises. Money donated from the Amy Jane Ransom Fund has enabled new educational and sports equipment to be purchased for the project, and also workshop materials for Casa Roger Turner.

### Casa Roger Turner:

Since the opening in April, the house is already a home to teenage boys from the Street Approach project. We welcome 12-17 year olds who adhere to a structured timetable throughout the day including cultural days out. Workshops are run by trained professionals that include IT, jewellery and flip flop making, arts and crafts. They also attend business classes and art therapy sessions run by two psychotherapists (one of which is Yona Magalhaes, a TV actress in Brazil) in partnership with the Pomar Clinic another NGO aimed at assisting drug-users. They also attend a Drugs Detox programme, through our partnership with Rio's Federal University. CRT has started receiving help from placement volunteers, who encourage the boys to participate in activities, including attending Vila Olympica's various sports activities.

Casa Roger Turner works in conjunction with the local juvenile authorities in Rio. The Juvenile Judge Dr Ivone Ferreira Caetano, who replaced Dr. Ciro Darlan, visited Casa Roger Turner soon after it opened and was accompanied by our long term supporter, Judge Wagner Freitas Cinelli.

Dr. Ivone also made her first visit to Casa Jimmy. She appraised the work we do and renewed her and her team's invaluable support to Task Brasil.

Some boys find it very difficult to adjust to the regulations after living on the streets. However, most of them have a good sense of right and wrong and know how to apply this to any given situation in the house. An increasing number of boys are using the facilities and those already there act as positive role models to the newcomers.

The house was acquired, furnished and refurbished thanks to funds from Beanfeast Trust, and refurbishment was further helped by funds from ABC Trust and Deborah Lane. Running costs are funded by EMBL - Emerging Markets Benefit Limited. 80 lighting systems were generously donated by Wilson Sons. The Ryklow Trust, Leandra Ferrari Rutherford and Moneygram (through an application made by our long term supporter and IT expert James Rorrison) also donated funds towards CRT.

**SPONSOR A CHILD TODAY!  
OR MAKE A DONATION,  
HOWEVER SMALL**

*"I have been sponsoring a child for 8 years now. I will continue to support this work and one day come back and visit.... best wishes for all your hard work, and happy birthday Casa Jimmy!"*

*Marianne Anglaret, October 2006*



The boys enjoying their food after a cookery lesson



Street Approach - Ronaldo learning to read



Art workshop at Casa Roger Turner



# Coming soon...

British School, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil  
November 2006

Ian (the guitar-man, as he likes to be known), 11 years old, is organising a fundraising event at The British School in Rio in aid of Task Brasil. There will be stalls selling decorated flip flops and jewellery made by the teenagers from Casa Charlotte, along with an auction with a DVD signed by Jimmy Page.

Flora London Marathon 2007

We have a number of 'Golden Bond' places for runners who would like to take part and raise money for TBT. All details and the application pack are on our website, if you're up for the challenge please contact us ASAP. Pound the Streets and Help the Kids Get Back on Track!

Bike Brazil 2007  
21st September - 3rd October 2007

This is a fantastic opportunity to get fit, raise money for TBT and get to know some of our projects!

Chameleon Events are looking for 30 participants to cycle over 300km through Brazil. You will be required to fundraise for us, and in return you will get the opportunity to visit our projects on your way across Brazil taking in fantastic sights and soaking up some Brazilian culture.

Information packs can be downloaded from:  
[www.chameleonevents.org.uk](http://www.chameleonevents.org.uk)

# Recent Events and Support received

## EMBL Annual Ball - October 2006

Task Brasil is once again grateful to EMBL for their wonderful continued support. This year, thanks to great support from Gibson, Phil Manzanera, Pat Cash, Iron Maiden, Eleni Gagoushi, Nathalie Smith and Cindy Bond, we were able to secure a number of fabulous prizes. Tickets for the annual ball sold out in record time (the first 750 tickets in under 5 hours!). We would like to thank Jonathan, Elaine, Emma and the team from EMBL so much for their kind donations and hard work in organising these highly successful events in between their very demanding full time jobs. We were delighted that Jonathan visited Casa Jimmy and attended the opening of Casa Roger Turner.



Jonathan Murno (EMBL) with Flavia, April 2006



Food donations in the kitchen at Casa Jimmy

## 'Zeppeliano Fan Club' Show, Rio, October 2006

The Brazilian Led Zeppelin fan club put on a '20 year' celebration show donating proceeds to our projects in Rio. The bands covered music by the Yardbirds, Led Zeppelin and Jimmy Page's solo work. The show was attended by Task Brasil staff who talked generally about the projects, raising our profile in the local community. The event was very well attended by nearly 1,000 people, and over 200 kilos of food (sugar, rice, beans, etc) were donated for our projects.

## Land's End to John O'Groats Bike Ride - September 2006

On 7th September 8 amazing guys, with a collective age in excess of 350 years (they won't disclose their collective weight!!!), set off to cycle from the most southerly point of the UK to the most northerly. They managed to cover 1,000 miles in just 9 days! Congratulations to you all - Aidan Pope, Clive Butcher, Clive Green, David Shipley, Derek Keating, Mark Higgins, Nick Anning and Will Curran. The team have managed to raise in excess of £40,000 for their five extremely worthy chosen charities: Task Brasil, Breakthrough, Twin Towers Orphan Fund, Hope & Homes for Children and The National Stroke Association.

The team celebrating their finish at John O'Groats!



## 'Do me a Squeeze' Fundraiser @ The Chapel, Islington - September 2006

Thanks to our dedicated volunteer Louis Levin, who once again organised a great night with special guest DJ Joe Le Groove joining resident DJ's Matt Masters, Anna Kist and Si Mac behind the wheels of steel. The event raised an amazing £1,000.

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### 'Deeper Shades of Fashion' Show - August 2006

An event organised by our volunteers Alix Goldring and Val Amaral showcasing work of graduates from the London School of Fashion was held at the Brazilian 'Guanabara' club, in Holborn in London. It was a great fun night out with a Brazilian DJ and £880 was raised.

### Festa Julina - July 2006

We celebrated the 'June Festival' in July at Casa Jimmy! This traditional Catholic festival gives people the opportunity to thank Saint Peter and Saint John for the rain. The party attracted around 70 guests including the children's families and Casa Jimmy's neighbours in Santa Teresa. There were traditional food and games, and generous donations were made by local businesses; bread and cake from Panificacao Santana, toys from Bazar Matheus and meat and vegetables from the supermarkets of Papucaia (the nearest town to Epsom College Farm).

### Summer Fundraising Events

Task Brasil took part in a couple of events at the Coin Street Festival: Carnival de Cuba and Brasil, Tô Dentro - London's first large Brazilian outdoor festival. Our team of volunteers also attended the Axminster Festival and the WOMAD festival. In addition, thanks to Paul Umfreville, we had a presence at the environmental fair "Planet Redbridge", an event to support a cleaner, greener and safer place to live.

### World AIDS Conference, August 2006

The Consortium for Street Children invited young people from Task Brasil to design t-shirts and posters around the theme of HIV/ AIDS and street children. Some excellent artwork was submitted from children and teenagers at Casa Jimmy, Forest House at Epsom College Farm, Casa Charlotte and Casa Roger Turner, which was exhibited at the World AIDS Conference in Toronto.



Drawing by Vanessa (Casa Charlotte)

### Lilly Sechi fundraiser, Babble Bar, Soho, May 2006

Featuring "Rasao de Ser" - a nine-piece live act of outstanding entertainment. The evening captured the spirit of Brazil through the rhythms of Samba, Bossa Nova & Pagode.

### London Marathon - April 2006

We were delighted to see so many of Task Brasil's intrepid runners at the end of this year's Flora London Marathon and all of them looking so fresh and sprightly after their 26.2 mile

run. Runners have raised over £14,000. Our massive thanks to all Golden Bond runners: Samer Awad, Andy Martin, David Nowakowski, Jon Stone, Phil Rooney, David Parker; Non Golden Bond runners: Roger Ayres and Rebecca Newell and in particular those who raised outstanding amounts; Katrina Dick from ABC Trust, Angel Gurria Quintana and Gisele Salazar, who between them raised nearly £8,000.

Task Brasil has a number of Golden Bond places available for 2007. Contact us!

### One Life Live - March 2006

Task Brasil exhibited at the One Life Live Exhibition held at Olympia in London on 3rd-5th March. The event was aimed towards those people wishing to have a change of scene or life and those wanting to undertake fresh adventures in pastures new! Task Brasil was mainly marketing our Ecotour - The Organic Farming Experience and placements in Brazil along with promoting Task Brasil's work. Some new child sponsors signed up on the spot.

### Scottish Ceilidh

The proceeds of a fundraising Ceilidh held in Kirkinilloch raised £1,600. Just over 100 people danced energetically to the music of the Blackford Fiddlers, who have raised £150 additionally. The event was held at St Flannans Church Hall, and the Parish Priest kindly halved their normal fee to £30, which was then covered as a donation by one of the parishioners, Elizabeth Docherty, who also helped out as a volunteer on the night. (Report by Deborah Shepherd - Task Brasil Trust's honorary volunteer leader in Scotland)

Once again **Simon Cox** continued his support by nominating Task Brasil as one of AXA ball's beneficiaries in 2006, and TBT received £1,500.

**Silvia Costa** from Net TV ([www.nettv.tv](http://www.nettv.tv)) yet again donated her time whilst in Brazil to prepare new Task Brasil promotional video/CD material, which will enable viewers to click on images through a link on our website.

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Organise your own event in support of Task Brasil, no matter how large or small, please get in touch.

We now have a new, weatherproof events marquee being sponsored by Audley Travel which will be available for 2007 events!!



Silvia Costa, who organised a charity polo match in aid of TBT earlier in the year

# Continuing fabulous help from the Navy

TBT would like to welcome Colonel Willie Dobson, who is taking over from Colonel Ralph Ashenhurst as the British Royal Defence Attaché in Brasilia. Colonel Ralph has offered invaluable support throughout his time in Brazil, and will be greatly missed. We were sorry to see Commander Richard Harrison finish his term in Brazil as the Royal Naval Attaché. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Tim Flear MVO as the new HM Consul-General in Rio de Janeiro and extend our best wishes to his predecessor Paul Yagomourian. TBT are extremely grateful to all for their immense support and assistance. The children at Casa Jimmy spent a very pleasant time with Mrs. Judith Patricia P Collecott, the wife of Dr. Peter Collecott, the British Ambassador in Brazil, during her visit to the project.



Volunteers with Colonel Ashenhurst at CRT, April 2006

- ✓ On 16th March the Irish ship LE Eithne arrived in Rio - the first Irish Naval ship to visit Rio de Janeiro and go into the Southern Hemisphere. The crew organised a party for our children on board and the sailors also offered their help at Casa Jimmy and Epsom College Farm the following day.



Le Eithne, CJ children, volunteers and crew

- ✓ The HMS Southampton crew visited the projects in Rio on 30/12/05. They worked at Casa Jimmy, cleared rubble and helped with repair work next door on Casa Jimena's land.

- ✓ Early in the year HMS Liverpool and its crew gave amazing assistance to Task Brasil at Epsom College farm by painting the one of the houses and helping with other much needed repair work.



Preparing the 2nd vegetable garden at ECF (before & after)

- ✓ The HMS Endurance yet again transported donated goods from the UK to our projects in Rio. They departed on 25th September and will arrive in Rio around Christmas time.



HMS Endurance loading donations Sept 06

# More support from schools

**Epsom College Harvest Festival Service - September 2006.** In addition to their ongoing fundraising, Epsom College dedicated their harvest festival service to Task Brasil and raised £2000 from the collection towards the Epsom College Farm project. Ligia da Silva (Founder Trustee) and Task Brasil supporter, Fanny Rush, attended the service where Fanny was given the opportunity to speak to the 700 pupils about Task Brasil and its projects. The Pupils and staff at Epsom College have been totally dedicated to Task Brasil. In July, Mark Furness, ex-Epsom College student, visited Epsom College Farm and the boys living there. Philippe, the farm manager, enjoyed showing Mark how Epsom College pupils have helped disadvantaged children in Brazil and continue to do so.

## St Paul's Colet Court School - July 2006:

A party comprising of 29 students, 5 teachers and 2 parents, visited Casa Jimmy and Casa Roger Turner as part of their Soccer Trip to Rio de Janeiro. They have raised £15,000 for Task Brasil, and will also be selling flip flops and items of jewellery made by teenagers from our projects at their Christmas Fair.



Taking part in a music workshop at CRT



Pupils from St Paul's Colet Court School at Casa Jimmy

**Lyndhurst House Preparatory School:** After a second talk given by Task Brasil in May, the school was very impressed with its projects and raised £1,100. The Head Teacher mentioned that they may nominate Task Brasil as the school's annual charity.

**Long Meadow School in Milton Keynes.** The pupils have decided to sponsor a child and raised over £225.00. Some parents at the school are considering doing the same. The children produced a creative Rap song about street children in Brazil.

**The Dragon School** continued its support by allowing Task Brasil to have stall at the Afro-Reggae concert they hosted in Oxford earlier in the year. We were delighted to meet with students and teachers who visited Casa Jimmy last year and update them on the children's development.



# More Visits

- ✓ ABC Trust's trustees (Jimena, Peter Hall, Lynda Colborne, Katrina Dick and a journalist) visited TBT projects in February. We and all the children were delighted with their visit.
- ✓ On 18th to 22nd March Duncan Innes (trustee since 2002 and long term supporter) visited TBT's projects. Duncan is a solicitor and partner for Marriott Harrison Solicitors firm in the UK who has been supporting TBT for over 10 years and has been a trustee since 2002.
- ✓ On 20th March Paul Sutcliffe (trustee) visited TBT's projects in Rio. Paul is a partner for Ernst & Young and has been working in Sao Paulo since Oct. 2005.



ABC Trust Trustees at Forest House



Duncan Innes with Isobel (volunteer) at Casa Jimmy

✓ Once again British Airways' AFSC team visited Task Brasil's projects and every one was delighted to see Remo Grasso after what seemed such a long time. The AFSC team, as usual, extended their generosity and time to other similar local NGO's.



Trustees Paul, Duncan and Ligia having dinner with staff while in Rio

## News from the US

JONES RADIO (US) once again ran their Zeptember month celebration (in September), and agreed to promote a PSA recorded by Jimmy Page in support of child sponsorship for Casa Jimmy.

Jean and Brandon Malki, the husband and son (respectively) of one of our U.S. Directors, took the opportunity to volunteer their services for the month of July, dividing their time between Task Brasil's Casa Jimmy and Epsom College Farm. Brandon and Jean joined right in with our hard-working volunteers at Casa Jimmy in feeding, playing with and caring for the children, and they enjoyed every minute of the experience.

While at the Farm, Brandon and Jean mended fences and helped plant the latest crops, and, in their spare time, they hiked in the mountains, flew handmade kites with the boys living at the Farm and marvelled at the scenic waterfalls and surrounding area. Brandon, who was adopted from Brazil as an infant, described his time volunteering for Task Brasil as "awesome ... unbelievable, and something I will never forget for the rest of my life ... but I want to return again when I'm older!".

**We encourage everyone to consider volunteering for Task Brasil - you'll enrich your own life while making an indelible impression on the lives of those you'll touch in your travels.**

Earlier in the year Task Brasil Inc transferred US\$ 4,500 to projects in Brazil and US director, Robin Malki, sent boxes of brand new T shirts, sponsored by co-director Charlotte Petsopoulos, from the USA to Rio as a gift for Task Brasil's children and employees.



Donna, Lady Charlotte, Judy & Ligia, Philadelphia May 2006

## Very Sad News



We were very sad to hear of the death of long time volunteer and supporter, Jak Le Bas, who was instrumental in helping

set up Casa Jimmy and helping Task Brasil further develop its projects to help more street children.

We recently received the tragic news that Linda Salermi, who fundraised and passionately supported Task Brasil's projects, died whilst travelling

in Peru. Linda was due to begin her volunteer placement at Casa Jimmy next March.

We wish to extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of both Jak and Linda.





## Additional Invaluable Assistance...

The Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust donated £9,800 to fund a Financial Administrator in Brazil - a vital resource as our projects in Brazil continue to develop. We welcome Ronaldo de Freitas who has been appointed to this position.

Both Audley Travel and Journey Latin America are sending out Sponsor a Child leaflets with their documents to clients traveling through Brazil.

Gouvêa Vieira Solicitor in Brazil continue to provide invaluable support in the form of legal advice and we are very pleased that Jorge Gouvea Vieira along with Neri Infante, Robert Barclay and Cezar Baiao from Wilson Sons are part of Task Brasil 's Advisory Committee Board in Brazil. The board continues to offer indispensable support to the trust and its trustees by giving legal and technical advice.

We would also like to show great appreciation towards the continuous and important support from: William Salomon and his team, Christine Walker, James Rorrison, David Sarras, Haddy Jadama, Rafael Calvo, Rosangela da Cunha, Elaine de Almeida Derbyshire, Mai Dillon, Carile Marchioro, Clare Kiely, Wagner Cinelli, Fatima Ilha and the many donors and volunteers who have played an essential part to make TBT prosper and to continue extend its help to more and more street children.



A Free Ad campaign has been kindly organised for Task Brasil by Simon Cox, Steve Hickman ([www.wwavrc.co.uk](http://www.wwavrc.co.uk)) and David Newley ([www.preskymaves.com](http://www.preskymaves.com)) giving us coverage in the UK press: The Daily Express, The Daily Star, The Mail on Sunday and The Guardian. The ads started running in mid August to promote our Child Sponsorship Scheme, and have already increased the number of regular donors.

### A special thank you to the following companies for providing free services and assistance:

DHL (in Brazil & UK)  
Leros Magazine (UK)  
British Airways (in Brazil & UK)  
Banco do Brasil (UK)  
The Times (UK)  
The Umbrella Magazine/website (Brazil)

## Placements

Volunteers have moved to a larger flat which has been partially renovated in order to provide better accommodation. The work included damp treatment, painting and replacement of furnishing items.

We are grateful to all of our placement volunteers throughout 2006 in Brasil for their hard work and dedication to the projects. Annamai Cubison, Jackie Bowles, Linda Walsh, Louis Levin, Sebastian Adamczyk, Isobel Baugh, Carolyn Rajaratnam, Zoë Ramsay, Monica Mark, Zoë Thompson, Laura Buzzi, Vibecke Svien, Jean Malki, Brandon Malki, Miranda Atkins, Dan Markham, Baanu Baghbani and Andrea Grainger. Special thanks to two volunteers who raised far more for Task Brasil than expected; Linda Lomas (£4,000) and Michael Tuckwell (£2,725.00). Lonely Planet International Volunteering Handbook will feature Task Brasil in their next edition and quotes from our Ex-placements will be found in the first chapter!

The Task Brasil placement programme is a way that you can contribute towards improving the lives of many street children!

Contact us if you have just finished your studies and want to do something rewarding and challenging or want a career break. Task Brasil relies greatly on volunteer help in order to offer a home to the many children and teenagers in real need.

*"Thank you so much for the opportunities you gave me during the placement. I had the time of my life, and hope to return one day!"*  
Jackie Bowles, Volunteer in Brazil, June 2006



Sebastian (volunteer),  
Luiz Henrique & Rodrigo

## Who is who in Task Brasil UK!

We would like to welcome Nathalie Dufresne Smith as a trustee. Nathalie, the wife of Iron Maiden guitarist Adrian Smith, has been involved with Task Brasil's work since 1999 and organised very successful and high profile fundraising events for the charity. Nathalie is the master mind of our forthcoming Christmas celebration on 9th December at the Embassy Club!!!

We are delighted to announce that Leslie Ash, Bruce Dickinson from Iron Maiden, Pat Cash and Emily Cash have joined Mary, Countess of Bessborough as Task Brasil Patrons.

We recently said goodbye to Charlotte Smith, and would like

to thank her for all her invaluable efforts towards fundraising and raising TBT's profile. We wish Charlotte all the best with her new career in translation.

We are very happy to welcome on board Sophie Keith as our new administrator. Sophie was one of TBT's first volunteers, and has been involved with the charity since its beginning in 1993.

We are also happy to welcome Jackie Bowles as our Fundraising Administrator. Jackie has an intimate knowledge of Task Brasil and its projects as she is one of our ex-placement volunteers in Brazil. Jackie jumped in at the deep end giving invaluable support in helping trustee Nathalie Smith organize our 2006 Christmas Party, along with fellow trustee, Lisa Atkin and new patron Emily Cash.

# How You Can Help...



## Sponsor a child

Task Brasil needs your help more than ever. To feed a child costs just £15 or \$25 a month. We will send you regular information about the child you are sponsoring, and how your money is supporting them. Please consider sponsoring a child so that we can care for as many children as possible and continue the work we do.

## Put on your own event

One of the ways to contribute to the work of Task Brasil is to use your own initiative, skills and experience to help us raise needed funds. Please visit the website and click on 'Get Involved' for further information.

## Take part in an Ecotour

March, June or October 2007

March, June or October 2007 - Places are still available to take part in a rewarding and fun trip to Epsom College Farm and see the amazing sights that Rio de Janeiro has to offer. The tour is designed to improve and develop the farm for teenage boys living there. As well as taking in the beautiful scenery, you can gain an immeasurable sense of satisfaction in knowing that you will be investing your time and energy into creating a sustainable program to help young boys who otherwise would remain on the streets trapped in a circle of violence and crime. For further info contact us for an Ecotour pack.

## Join in 'the Farming experience'

Jan and Aug 2007 [Monday to Friday]

Meet the children and experience life on Epsom College Farm, set in the beautiful surroundings of the Atlantic Rainforest. For further info, call the office for an Ecotour pack on 0207 735 5545.

## Make a donation

Every penny helps us improve the lives of the children and teenagers involved in our projects. It's quick and simple to do! You can fill in the enclosed slip, call the office or visit our website, and click on 'get involved'.

## Become a volunteer

We are always in need of volunteers to assist with a wide range of projects in Brazil, as well as with various events in London. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or would like to find out more, please get in touch.

## Give As You Earn

Payroll giving is a flexible scheme which allows anyone paid through PAYE (including pensioners), to give regularly and on a tax free basis to the charities of your choice. All donations are tax free. Your company will need to be registered with a payroll giving agency.

There is still time for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SME's) to receive grants before the end of 2006. Payroll Giving Grants program aims to provide sustainable income sources for UK charities through Payroll Giving. The program rewards SME's for making Payroll Giving available to staff before the end of 2006 with up to £500 and matches the first £10 donated by each of their employees, every month, for a period of six months.

For further information, visit:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/payrollgiving/employers/orgsub1.htm>

## If you are in North America:

Do consider helping Task Brasil Inc raise funds and awareness and enable it to increase its child sponsors. You can send donations or sponsor a child on a monthly basis through our online Paypal account. If you would like to make tax free donations, we are federally registered US nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status. For further information, please email Judy Berard at [drexfamoff@aol.com](mailto:drexfamoff@aol.com) or call 1 215 732 5985.

***It would greatly reduce our costs to send our news updates to you via email. If you would like to sign up for this service, please send us an email to [info@taskbrasil.org.uk](mailto:info@taskbrasil.org.uk) with EMAIL NEWS UPDATES in the subject box.***

## TASK FORCE

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