

A Word from Ian Meldrum: My Fathers House

May was quite a different month for me!

It started with organizing things in Brazil and then on Friday the 4th May taking a plane to England. I arrived in Lincoln late Saturday evening, and was up the following morning, leaving the four hour jet lag behind to be part of two church services.

Why the rush? - Well, I was only able to stay in England for three Sundays, before an early Monday morning flight back to Brazil, where people were keen to ask "how was your holiday".

So firstly, I'd like to say a big thank you to all who were able to receive us, and sorry to the many who we missed!

There were two main reasons for the visit: To visit as many as possible in the short available time and to see and help family.

The visit was accompanied by sons John and Hudson, both of whom have decided to move their families back to the UK. As they have never lived for long periods in England, despite having British passports, we needed to begin to apply for other documents (NI number, Bank accounts etc). A process which we soon found was not going to be as quick as we had hoped! Hudson the youngest has stayed in England and is applying for work, hoping to bring his Brazilian wife in August, John returned with me to Brazil and hopes to move his family next year.

I was also able to meet with several groups who support our work in Brazil, and share the vision for the years ahead. Time with Jodie Marshall (Chair of Trustees) was especially important as she heads up the UK end of support via our charity Service of Hope. I'm sure that it will result in more effective communication.

I also had the chance to meet up with James [Jam] who as a short time volunteer is now here settling in well and getting to know the boys.

Back here, and a big pile of bills to cope with, whilst catching up at My Fathers House, Project Transform, and the new buildings which we have decided to call Transform Beach (very near the Olinda beach and a large Favela called "Isla do Rato" or Rat Island).

Thank you for all the support you all offer us, without it we would not be able to continue developing such exciting projects.

Yours Sincerely
Ian Meldrum

Project Update: Developments in Olinda

Work is well under way at Transform Beach (the new and exciting project from My Fathers House). It is hoped that activities will begin there within the next month. Transform Project at Living Waters church continues and plans are well underway to increase the number of activities there!

However we have had to close one of the buildings for repairs made necessary by the heavy rains that we have had this year. This will include the need to re-equip the kitchen, as what we have is all "second hand" and not rust proof.

Volunteer of the Month

This month, My Fathers House have welcomed a new volunteer. At 19 years old, James, from York, chose to volunteer with the work of My Fathers House, supporting the work of the project by giving his own time and energy to the children supported by the work. We are grateful for all volunteers and especially for individuals as enthusiastic and keen as James. We asked him to share some more about his experience of volunteering with us. He will be writing it in three parts, with the first part being about the process of getting to Brazil. Click on the Read More button below to find out what James has to say.

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**Prayer and Financial
Needs**

- Please pray for the completion of Transform Beach and that finances are found in order to be able to re-equip the kitchen to the necessary requirements.
- There are several new boys that have arrived in the boys house, so please pray that they settle quickly and well. Their names and ages are as follows: **Eduardo 13 years old, Davi 16, Rafael 13, Vitor 15 , José Antônio 14 and Brothers: Cauê 7anos, Cauan 13 anos , Caio 10 anos** (photos can be made available from Jodie but are to be used with discretion and approval).
- Please pray for our volunteer, James, as he begins volunteering with My Fathers House for a month.