

# Espaco Da Crianca





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Espaco Da Crianca (Space for the Children) began in 2003 when Frank and Merci Pryor visited Uberlandia, Brazil to meet with several church leaders.



One of those that they met was an Assemblies of God, Pastor Xavier and his wife Mariana. Xavier and his family live in Sao Jorge, Uberlandia. As part of his work in the community, Xavier has long held a deep desire to help the children in Sao Jorge and near-by Barrio of San Gabriel. Sao Jorge and San Gabriel are in the suburbs of the city and are amongst some of the poorest areas in Uberlandia.

There are many children in these areas who's families are extremely poor and have many of the social issues that are a result of poverty, such as high unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse but most of them are folk who just struggle to make ends meet. Many of these children are left to wander the streets where they are exposed to all kinds of dangers and influences. They grow up amongst drug and crime gangs who in turn draw them into



their activities as they become older. Xavier's desire was to see a day nursery and shelter established to provide a safe, healthy environment where the children could be looked after whilst freeing their parents and guardians to try to look for work. Unfortunately Xavier had no financial means of bringing his dream to reality.

Frank and Merci listened to his vision and prayed with him committing themselves and Ninety Nine To One to try to help him achieve his goal. Although, at the time Ninety Nine To One had very little financial resources we believed that God would supply our needs. Within a week of talking to Xavier Ninety Nine To One Were given sufficient funds to purchase a house, refurbish it, equip it and employ staff to run the work for the first year. The house was purchased during 2004, refurbished and



equipped in 2005 and opened the same year.

Espaco Da Crianca is providing places for 51 children all of whom come from deprived families in the Sao Jorge area. It is managed by a group of people made up of church leaders and members from several different churches in and around Sao Jorge and San Gabriel. The work still needs on-going support, support that may partly come from the local authority and business community but will also depend upon individuals who feel that they wish to help support it financially through Ninety Nine To One.

If you would like to be involved in the support of “Espaco Da Crianca” please let us know and we will pass on, as with any financial help that is given to Ninety Nine To One, 100% of your donation to the project.