



# BRAZIL



# CAMPO ALEGRE – BELO HORIZONTE

Campo Alegre is the first project that was funded and supported by “Need You Onlus”. At the end of the 90s, the president of the association, Adriano Assandri, who was on a business trip to Brazil, saw with his own eyes the miserable conditions in which street children lived.

During his trip, he had the opportunity to visit the “Casa Don Orione” in Campo Alegre. The center was in miserable conditions and, horrified by what he saw, he found himself sitting on a wall, devastated. At that moment, a child from the centre, Marco, approached him and gave him a caress on the cheek to console him. The kindness, compassion and love of that gesture deeply shook him and at that moment the idea of creating the association was born.



The old building

In just a few months, enough funds were raised to be able to start the first project: the construction of a “Fazenda” that could be a comfortable refuge for these children. A dormitory was thus created, a school with a real farm where projects dedicated to agriculture and livestock would be carried out to give school and professional education to children.

In recent years, the centre has become a rehabilitation community for young former drug addicts.



The new centre after the “Need You Onlus” intervention





## GOIANIA

### NURSERY SCHOOL “ANJO DA GUARDA”

We support the "Anjo Da Guarda" kindergarten, run by the “Don Orione” community. The kindergarten, which now houses up to 100 children, was created in 2006, initially in a small rented house with only 20 children. The area where the kindergarten is located is very poor: women are forced to leave their homes early in the morning to go to work and support their families, they do not know where to leave their children. Older children have to look after younger children and often end up spending their days on the street.

The nursery school provides a safe haven for these families. Children use the canteen, are cared for, they learn a proper personal hygiene and begin to learn to read and write.





## COMMUNITY OF BALSAS

We support the Balsas Community which provides safe haven, educational and professional projects to more than 200 children in the rural areas of Balsas.



## PROJECT “TOM – TOCANDO A MELODIA”

Thanks to Giorgio Oliveri and Maria Grazia Gnecco, who made a humanitarian trip to Brazil, in Gama, in February 2019, we were able to realize the “Tom - touching a melody” project. The creator of the project is Lucia di Fatima, a nun who, for years has been trying to carry out a musical project for the children of the poorest families in the southern suburbs of Gama.

For example, there is Kalebe, a child whose parents are drug dealers, now in prison. Kalebe lives with her very old grandmother and as Giorgio told us: "That child already looks like an adult: he studies, does housework and looks after his grandmother .... while there is a girl, Antonia who has lived locked up at home for about twenty years and the music took her out and saved her. "

Lucia has opened the doors of her home: two rooms and a bathroom, a kitchen that she shares with her brother's family, she sleeps in a hammock to have more space for the children's musical instruments. Of the 30 children who were involved in the project, only 10 of them could pay a nominal fee and the tools that were used were all on loan.

We purchased the necessary instruments: the music school does not claim to create professional musicians, but it is a way to do good to children and adolescents who, in their poverty and social limitation, are not in a position to have a musical education. The TOM project carries out social integration work that is fundamental for the future of the community.







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