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**What I do:** Lawyer advocating for adoption and fostering for children on behalf of ReVive, which works with abused and at-risk children.

Dear friends!

## Hello from Olinda, Brazil!

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. I want to express once again my gratitude because without all of you I couldn't do this work. I pray that the Lord will bless you.

We are facing many challenges, but we cannot give up and forget that Jesus is always with us. Please read on to find out more about what I have been up to over the last few months and thanks again for your prayers, encouragement and support, it means so much.

## ReVive

### Fostering

During these last few months, our fostering team has continued to work hard so that the service can become a reality in our city as quickly as possible. We have a team prepared, as well as training for foster families all set up; our difficulty was in getting authorisation to start. That's the good news! We now have the authorisation! Glory to God! We already have two families interested in doing the training, and we will continue to look for more families. We hope to start training families in June and the service around August.

### Girls' legal cases

The staff of ReVive – psychologists, social workers and lawyers – are working continuously to resolve the legal cases of some girls at ReVive as soon as possible so they can return to their families or go to a new adoptive family. At the end of 2021, as usually happens, some girls left ReVive and others arrived. Most of them continue with us. One of them, who I ask for your prayers, is "K" who has been with us at ReVive for over three years. "K" is meeting a couple who can maybe become her parents through adoption. Please keep praying that she finally finds her new family!

Also, another girl from ReVive has mental health issues and it turns out she may have been sexually abused. Police are investigating; please pray for this girl and that there is justice.

## Yorkits

When I was still in England, Issy Sanderson contacted me to talk about the possibility of building a partnership between us and the NGO Yorkits, an organisation who makes eco-friendly period pad kits that are



Fostering network meeting

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sent to poor communities across the globe. In addition, Yorkkits has a seed fund to help local communities, organisations or churches to buy sewing machines and materials so they can produce their own kits and get an income. We are in the initial phase of this project here in Olinda and we will have a partnership between Yorkkits, ReVive and the Living Waters Church, so we will start work in the community of Aguazinha, where I lived for many years.

Mrs Maisa, who lives in Aguazinha, will train the women and girls of the community so that they can make their own kits. We have already bought the sewing machine and people are interested. We're excited!

### O Farol (The Lighthouse) Church

Our local church, O Farol (The Lighthouse), has very exciting plans for 2022. We are already taking the first steps towards creating an NGO to carry out various social projects, mainly in the V8 community and in the area close to the church building. In addition, we have Espaço Farol (Space Farol) where we held a workshop last year and we have a lot planned for Espaço Farol this year, such as practical training courses for people. Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support; may God continue to bless this ministry and empower more people to work in his Kingdom.

We continue with the procedures for creating the NGO O Farol Social. Please keep praying for the next steps.

### RECAP (Christian Lawyers Network), OAB (Lawyers Association) and Time for Hope Radio Programme

RECAP and OAB are a very important part of my work in the Kingdom of God. Fighting for the rights and dignity of the most vulnerable is fighting for the justice of the Kingdom of God and participating in these two organisations allows me to fight for justice.

We have defended the rights of the indigenous peoples of Brazil, women and children. In addition, with RECAP, we seek to train people and churches on the importance of the role of Christians in such an unjust society.

I continue to participate every Friday morning in the radio programme Hora de Esperança of the Baptist Church in Coqueiral, in which I talk about the Kingdom of God, social justice and human rights.

### Prayer Points

For my and Becky's mental and physical health. May God protect and strengthen us during this time apart; please pray for our visa process.

For the fostering team at ReVive who continue to work hard to get the service started as soon as possible, hopefully by the second half of the year.

For every girl at ReVive, that legal cases continue to advance so they can return to their families or be adopted.

For the plans of our local church O Farol to have more work in the poorest community in the city, that the Farol Social Ministry continues to bear fruit and for the start of the NGO.

Lots of love! Deus abençoe!

Evaldo xxx



**Photos from top to bottom:** With Mrs Maisa who will lead the Yorkkits Project in Aguazinha community; Speaking about community work at O Farol Church; ReVive children learning about the Bible through art with wonderful teachers



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