

A woman in a blue jacket and a young child in an orange jacket are flying a blue kite with a long green tail in a grassy field. The background features a dense forest and rolling hills under a cloudy sky. A white arrow points from the text towards the right side of the image.

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DISCOVER THE STORY OF ONE
TEENAGER'S JOURNEY TO HOPE.

HOME

of the Good Shepherd

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LIVING IN A TROUBLED HOME,

Maria* found herself at HGS at the age of 12. Now, two years later we asked if she would share a bit of her story.

"I have been here at Home of the Good Shepherd for over 2 years. Before coming here I always thought that my life was normal. But my mom was drinking a lot and was not able to look after me anymore and so I was brought to the Home.

Before I arrived I was nervous and scared because I thought that everyone would hate me and that I wouldn't have any friends. It wasn't easy at first being away from my family, but as time went by I recognized that it was good for me that I came here because I was able to learn a lot. I didn't really know anything about the Bible and didn't understand much about it, but here I learned the truth about Jesus.

My older brother and his family live about two hours away and I have started visiting him about once every two months. It is possible that I will have an opportunity to go and live with him at the end of the year but I will have to wait and see what the judge decides. It makes me feel torn between being with family who I barely know, and staying here where I feel cared for. If I go and live with him I know it will be a challenge to stay strong in my walk with the Lord.

I never really thought about my future, but now I'm thinking about it more and more and I would like to be a teacher one day!

What I like most about living here at the Home is that I feel like we are really loved. I have received more love and care here than I did from my own mom. I hope to share Jesus with my family."

MARIA

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*Names have been changed to protect privacy.



What makes a home are the people within. Home is a place where wholesome food is shared and a place that makes you feel safe. It is where you can be yourself and where you know you belong and will always be heard.



Home of the Good Shepherd aims to be all of that and more, and is often the first time many children experience "home" in this way. This is only possible with a staff who give and live out the love of Jesus.

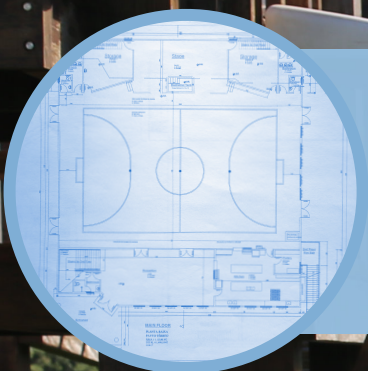


Led by Randy and Carla Redmann, the HGS team of **over forty staff** is made up of Brazilian pastors, counsellors, psychologists, teachers, social workers, cooks, house parents, administrators, grounds keepers and security guards. Each one is an integral part of providing quality care on a 24/7 basis for the children at the Home.

Join us in praying for the staff team at HGS. Pray for continued wisdom, patience and joy as they care for each child who calls HGS "home".

Did You Know?

Many HGS houseparents take time away from families of their own to care for the children at the Home.



BUILDING THE FUTURE

Thanks to donations like yours, construction has begun on the "A Rocha" multi-use building. Visit hgsbrazil.org for more details on this exciting project.

WANT TO HELP?

The kids at HGS are in need of new pillows. You can gift a pillow to a child for only **\$10**.



Donations to *Home Of The Good Shepherd* can be made by **Mail** (cheque), **Email** (Interac e-Transfer or automatic bank withdrawal), or **Online** (credit card).

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