

Message From Your Sponsored Child's Pastor

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

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Wednesday Prayer Breakfast
745 Little Neck Rd
Virginia Beach, VA 23452-5813

Dear Friends,

"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones" — Mathew 18:10, NIV

We are writing this letter to thank you for all you have been doing in favor of your sponsored child, and to keep you updated about what is done through the Compassion program. I praise God that you have chosen to share your love and kindness with Adilson Silva Costa. May God bless you.

Our centers are linked to *Primeira Igreja Batista em Caucaia* (First Baptist Church in Caucaia) and are located at communities which are in need. It is a blessing to be able to help our children. Their fathers' main source of income is fishing and building; their mothers are housewives or work as housekeepers or blue-collar workers.

Through the Compassion programs, the kids get free kindergarten, elementary and middle school, including books and vocational workshops in informatics, arts and music.

We also feed these children. Most of them do not have balanced meals at home and are undernourished.

Thanks to the help of Compassion and its sponsors, some of our students have already gotten a job — such as an operator at the councilman chamber or a salesperson — or were approved at the university or passed official examination for a public post. They have left a life with little hope; now they have a new future. Their self esteem has

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been improved and their ideas were changed by the new vision they received.

The communities where the centers are located face difficulties such as gangs, drugs, violence, sexual abuse, teenage pregnancy and unstructured families. Given these facts, our church tries to meet the families' needs both by preaching the message of salvation and addressing the other issues as well. Without the partnership with Compassion, it would be difficult for us to serve the community as we do.

We count on a team of teachers and workers which seeks dependence on God through prayers. They teach the children about the Bible through studies according to their age and also go on home visits so they can get involved with their spiritual life by praying and studying the Bible with their families.

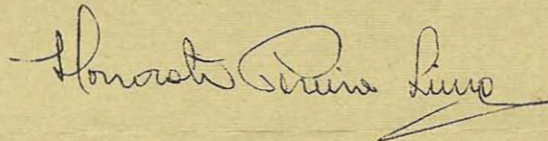
Thanks to this work, the children and their families are involved with the church activities. Their lives have been changed spiritually, behaviorally and socially, and they are serving God.

Sponsors are very important in these **children's lives**. I praise God that I have you as a faithful and caring sponsor for Adilson. **Your letters encourage the children to fulfill their dreams**. We have noticed some change in the **children's behavior as a result of letters they receive**. In addition, the relationship between **sponsors and children becomes stronger and contributes to the children's emotional development and their conversion to Christ**.

We are thankful to God for you, sponsor. You have been challenged to help these children build their dreams and live a better future.

Please continue praying for our church and children.

In Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Honorato Pereira Lima". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Honorato Pereira Lima
Pastor