

# The Biggest Needs for Living Stones



God's transforming hand in the lives of these children. Only He can make the heart change that will last.



More passionate local leaders and volunteers that will step up and make a difference in their community and church.



Long-term partnerships with individuals, groups, and churches that will come alongside a community and a church in Brazil and make a difference. We call them Foundation Builders.

**Note:** Find out how to become a Foundation Builder: [wrbrazil.com/foundationbuilder](http://wrbrazil.com/foundationbuilder)



Love. Educate. Nourish. Direct children to Jesus.

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L.E.N.D. Through Local Leaders



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# How you can Pray for Living Stones



Pray for the children in the program. Each one has a story and great needs. Find out more on our blog: [buildinglivingstones.org/blog](http://buildinglivingstones.org/blog)



Pray for the local leaders. These are passionate Christians who have given their lives to serve these kids, and have their own needs as well.



Pray for our partnerships, that they would truly be reciprocal and bring glory to God. Donors need to receive, and the communities have so much to give!

**Note:** To keep up with current prayer needs, sign up for our e-newsletter, at the bottom of our website: [BuildingLivingStones.org](http://BuildingLivingStones.org)



## The Sponsored Children Receive:



Tutoring (basic reading, writing, and math, and more, depending on location).



Character and life skills training, and gets to know the local church leadership.



Access to a program that meets four times a week, connected with a church.

**Note:** Each location makes sure that the nutritional needs are met



## The Sponsors Receive:



Opportunities to visit Brazil alone or with a team (wribrazil@gmail.com)



Monthly blog updates and e-newsletters about the church and community you support.

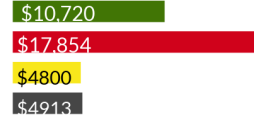


Options to write and form a friendship with an individual child (amobrasil99@hotmail.com)

**Note:** Because all of the money goes directly to the programs (except the 10% WRI Administration Fee and a small yearly amount for fundraising), we do not have the mailings and resources of a large sponsorship program.

## Facts and Figures from 2017:

### Living Stones Expenses



Total Expenses: \$38,287

(November and December expenses and costs are projected)

We have Living Stones programs in three communities, and do regular outreaches in three others

150 children in our 3 full-time programs



3,500 complete meals served

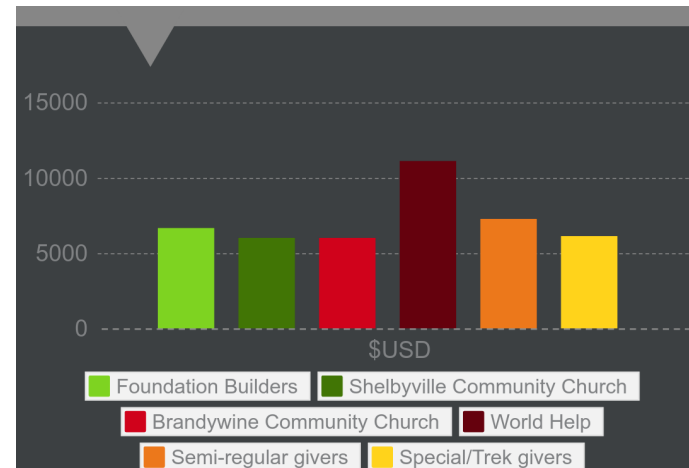


15,000 filling snacks



300 kids reached in outreaches

Kids in our program are doing better in school, and participating more in their local church. They are receiving opportunities they never had before.

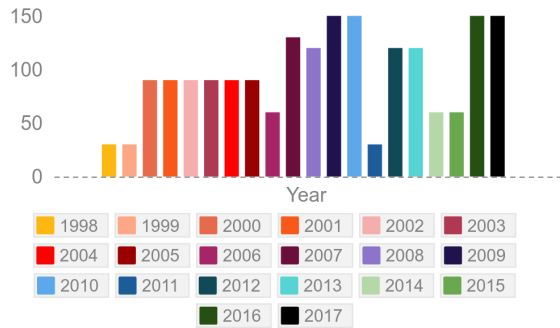


Total Donations: \$43,134

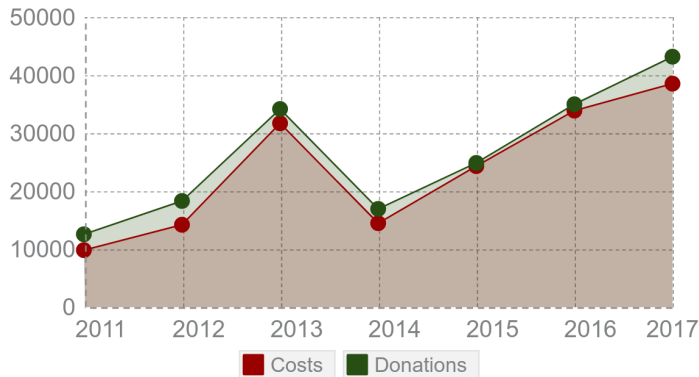
We are so grateful to all of our individual, church, and organization givers! This was our biggest financial year ever!



LENDing through Local Leaders since 1998



Children served in a full-time program



For more financial information, write to [amobrasil99@hotmail.com](mailto:amobrasil99@hotmail.com)

## Our Locations in Northeast Brazil:



Blog: [BuildingLivingStones.org/cajueiro-claro](http://BuildingLivingStones.org/cajueiro-claro)



A small rural town of about 30 families, 4 kilometers off the main road.



The children often do not know when their next meal is, so we serve a full meal each day, along with tutoring, computer, and sports classes.



Started in 2010, 15 children came to Christ, and many are helping the 30 younger kids who are currently in the program.

**Note:** The church was started through the Living Stones program: reaching out to the children, then inviting their families to a service.

## From the Coordinators

Our big goal for 2017 was to support and grow Living Stones Guadalajara. Not only do we have new partnerships, but ten children from that community gave their life to Jesus this year!

Our other two locations, Cajueiro and Lagoa, continued to give amazing care and discipleship to almost 100 children: we now have 8 full-time teachers (not including pastors and leaders) at those two locations!

Please check out the updates at each of the blogs, or check out all the videos on our YouTube channel: Building Living Stones. For updates and information about us, go to [FiveMinutesOfFergie.com](http://FiveMinutesOfFergie.com)



## Pastor Flavio Travassos

Pastor Flavio started walking each day to this hard to reach community in 2010. His commitment and ministry has only grown since then, now married to Mercia (also an amazing teacher and leader), with their daughter Heloise.

His vision is to plant 20 churches in the next 20 years, through children's ministries.

Cajueiro Claro Living Stones partners with Shelbyville Community Church, Friends churches, the International School, and various individual sponsors.

## Our Locations in Northeast Brazil:



### Lagoa de Itaenga

Blog: [BuildingLivingStones.org/lagoa-de-itaenga](http://BuildingLivingStones.org/lagoa-de-itaenga)



Pop. 35,000, Lagoa is surrounded by sugarcane and is known for its gangs and high violence.



The schools are overcrowded, and there is a desperate need for a safe place for the kids to be educated.



Serving over 60 children in a full tutoring program, we have 6 teachers and also have community outreaches connecting with 150 children.

**Note:** Living Stones began as the church saw the great needs around them, and wanted to make a difference in their community.



### Pastor Ricardo Silva

Pastor Ricardo grew up in Lagoa, and knew the needs of the community first-hand. As the church began to catch the vision, they began reaching out to 30 children. They now have four teachers working to provide quality education and a safe place to 60 children every day.

Their goal is to have a complete grade school (k-5), and clubs (cooking, art, English, soccer, basketball, etc.) for teens, investing the time for long-term solutions.

Living Stones Lagoa de Itaenga partners with Brandywine Community church, World Help, and the International School.

## Our Locations in Northeast Brazil:



### Guadalajara

Blog: [BuildingLivingStones.org/guadalajara](http://BuildingLivingStones.org/guadalajara)



Guadalajara is a poor suburb of Paudalho (pop. 30,000), located near the main road, close to the capital of the state, Recife.



Just this year, we have had over 10 children give their lives to Jesus after hearing the gospel at the program.



A sports ministry since 2012, they partner with Living Stones to provide education and recreation for over 60 children.

**Note:** Living Stones often partners with Glory Sports, as the children come for sports, but stay for education, character training, and nutrition (as needed).



### Lane Assis and Misse Silva

Lane and Misse saw the needs of their own community, as the kids have no safe place to play, and desperately need tutoring for where the public schools are lacking.

Their vision is to finish seminary and further sports training, and to be missionaries wherever God takes them.

Living Stones Guadalajara partners with the Yeshua Society, the children from Community church of Greenwood, Glory Sports, Athletes in Action, and the International school.