

Chela's Written Testimony: "Why I work with Children in Need"

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When my kids were toddlers I used to teach kids that didn't go to school or their grades were not good. As my children grew up, I took care of the babies in church. At that time I was having a recurring dream-- that I was in this place with mud everywhere and rocks; there were many kids in this place, and the kids were reaching out with their hands.

After a while I went to jail to visit and deliver some donations, and to my surprise, this was the place in my dreams. I didn't want to go back because it was a very sad place but I could not forget the faces of the kids, so I went back to feed them and to have a Bible study with the kids. Sometimes the adults would join us. Then at night I would go visit the kids on the streets. I did this for several years. In the mornings I would volunteer in the general hospital to bathe the sick-- those who didn't have family in the city, and I would meet with the pregnant ladies so they would not abort their babies.

Sometime later I met Greg and Kathy Saracoff, and I started working in the orphanage. I was there for some years, but I knew that God was calling me to go back to the streets so I went back. Currently I am at an established place, called "Carretas" and I started there after being invited by some children from the area. A lot of kids come, seeking help to go to school. There is a pastor who sends me kids who are not doing well, or the same school recommends the place for the kids so they can catch up in their studies. Sometimes I think that I am not doing things well, but people come to me and ask me how do I do it, the kids show progress, and I know that it's all because of God.