

**NOVEMBER 2007**

## An open tap in Corredor Vermelho, Brazil



The "torneira"

Corredor Vermelho is a small community of 14 families. It is located about 18km from the town of Mocambinho, which is in the north of Minas Gerais State. Emmanuel International Brazil partners with the church in Mocambinho.

This small community is sitting just outside a very large irrigation

project. It is the biggest Latin American water project and is run by the Brazilian Government. In spite of this big irrigation project, poverty and neglect is a reality in the northern part of Minas Gerais.

The community of Corredor Vermelho is one of those that are neglected. Alcohol abuse, prostitution and very low income are common and signs of low self esteem are seen in every home there. There is also a lack of health assistance. For a few years now the Mocambinho Church has worked with the families doing visits, food distribution and providing a better shelter to replace the shacks.

The Mocambinho Church has felt that water would be a turning point in the community's day to day activities. Some of the families needed to walk about 3 km to get water from an "irrigation canal". This not-so-clean water was used for all their needs. The possibility to provide pure water to the Corredor Vermelho community was an answer to prayer for both Emmanuel Brazil and the Mocambinho Church.

After meeting with the families there, a water treatment plant was set up together with a distribution system to the households. The "torneira" was opened in each one of the family homes for the first time. "Pure water" has come to them!

From the very beginning the Corredor Vermelho community families have been directly involved in this project. Their in-kind contribution, helping to install the 3,500 meter hose, from the water treatment plant to the last home was a great effort. The Mocambinho Church has done a very good job, visiting

the homes, encouraging families, dealing with all challenges in a very wise way.

Now, we believe that families have started to think about their lives after all this. Excitement is in the air. Plans for the future are starting to be discussed. It is possible to use the water to grow small vegetable gardens and to raise small animals to provide nutritious meals for them. Many more opportunities could be raised.

One of Emmanuel Brazil and the Mocambinho Church goals is that the Corredor Vermelho community would start to discuss their problems, come up with solutions, and be active in taking actions to improve their lives, instead of perpetuating dependency from others. The Mocambinho Church is willing to act as a facilitator in these discussion meetings.

From now to eternity, an "open tap" is placed there to bring them "living water".

**Tarcisio Porto is one of our EI Representatives in Brazil.**

**He is married to Jurema and they have two sons, André and Arthur.**



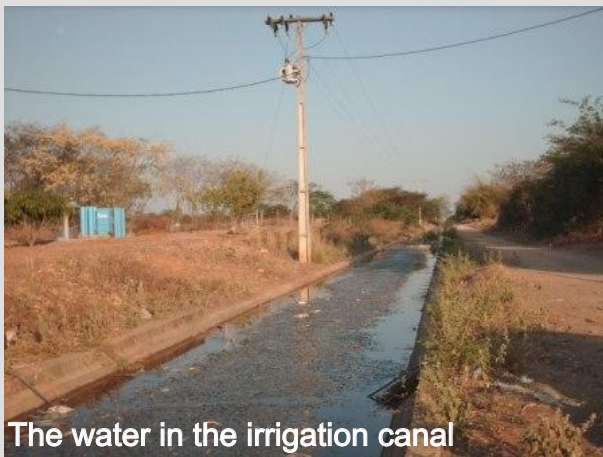
### The difference the water project has made in one man's life...



José Manoel da Silva lives in Corredor Vermelho. He is one of the men in the community who has a drinking problem. As we talked to him we could feel his excitement! He even offered to build a shelter in his yard where the community

could meet. He said: "I want to build a place here, just in my backyard to thank God for the water and hear the Word of God!". He understood that the water in his home was not provided by people, but it was Jesus who saw the needs of his family and touched others to respond to those needs.

... the story in pictures.



The water in the irrigation canal



The treatment plant under construction



Shacks like these...



...are being replaced with houses like these.

## New Look Website Launch date: 1 December 2007



Please visit our new website, still at the same address:

[www.eiuk.org.uk](http://www.eiuk.org.uk)

Tell others about it!

### Redesigned by Mark

We started looking at redesigning the EIUK website a while ago and were thinking that we'll 'do it ourselves', not knowing how much work and expert knowledge this entails. Isn't it amazing how God works? Before we got in too deep trying to learn new software packages, etc. Mark Berthelemy came forward and offered to redesign our website for free!

It is Mark's job to design and host websites and he is certainly the one-in-the-know!

Mark is married to Sarah, who is an EI alumnus. Sarah worked in Jamaica in 1989 and 1990. They have been involved with EI since then. This puts Mark in the best position to work on our website as he knows us and knows how we work! Our sincerest thanks to Mark for his work.



### Youth Worker in Uganda

There is a vacancy for a Youth Worker in Kasese, Uganda. Full details of this position are available from the office. If you know of anybody or if you are interested, please let us know.

**Please pray for this very important role amongst the youth in Uganda; that the right person will hear God's call.**

### 2008 EIUK Annual Conference

The conference will be held at Sunbury Court. When we first booked the venue, we were the only organisation who put in a reservation. The manager of the retreat centre has been in touch with us since. Another organisation is interested in using some of the rooms if we are not going to use them all. In light of this we need to confirm our position with them.

We need to know by 31 December if you are coming or not, so please send your booking form and deposit in as soon as possible. Royal Mail typically experiences a peak period at this time, so the sooner the better.

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