

BRIGHTER DAYS FOR BRAZILIAN YOUTH



REGION PROJECT 2020 - During the next Project Year, the American Baptist Women of Pennsylvania and Delaware will raise money to help renovate, decorate and open a **thrift shop** in Vitoria Brazil. **GOAL \$15,000.00!**



Meet International Ministries' Corene and Philip Smith. The Smiths minister to children who are part of a residential program that rescues homeless street children and youth ranging in age from 8 to 18. Their program provides guidance, education, and training for future employment. All students have completed a paid internship and are employed before they leave the program. Corene works mainly with the older children, working with them on life skills so that they can eventually transition away from a boarding school to independent living. Corene also serves as a surrogate mother to many of the children, sharing with them the love of Jesus. After experiencing day-to-day living in a safe, caring Christian environment, most of these children make decisions to follow Christ. Philip is the president and CEO of the residential program, Hope Unlimited for Children, which was founded in 1991. Philip is an associate missionary serving in Brazil in a joint appointment by International Ministries and Hope Unlimited International.

A **thrift shop**, besides providing jobs, will be one more step that leads to self-sustainability for the Smith's program. "That means less dependence on us as partners, and more autonomy going forward. You know the old ABC adage, "We work ourselves out of a job." This Regional Project will assist the poor youth of Brazil that often choose life on the streets to escape the poverty of the slums and, more often, to escape abusive families. On the streets, they are exposed to HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, child prostitution, substance abuse, and violence.



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