

## Fulfilling a dream

March is proving to be a very special month for all of us at ACER Brasil. Mauro and Ana Lucia, two teenagers who came to us many years ago, are fulfilling a big dream of theirs, they are in London on their first holiday of their professional careers. Mauro works at the Renaissance Hotel in São Paulo and Ana is an English teacher at a language school in the centre of Diadema. When we first met them, we definitely could not have imagined that this would happen; they were in a very difficult situation being employed as child labour, pulling a cart for their grandmother to collect rubbish to recycle. If you want to know a bit more about them when they were children, you can watch a report that was produced by [Canal Futura](#) by [clicking here](#).



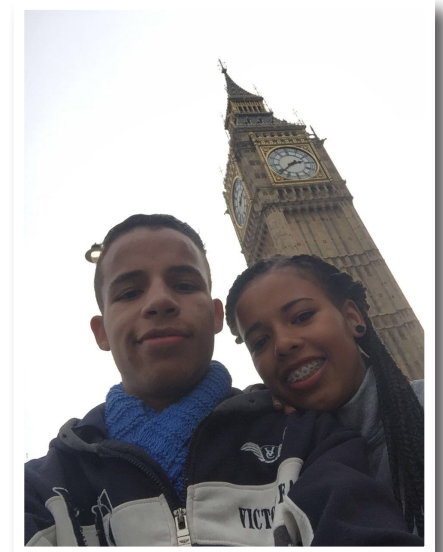
We began helping the family in our eradicating child labour programme. We established a relationship with them and discovered that they were being raised by their grandmother and their maternal aunt, so we included the family in a new programme that we were developing called [Family Guardian](#), at the end of 2009.

It was very rewarding for all those who followed their journey, to see how much they strived to achieve their potential and how much they wanted to fulfil their goals in life. Something that was very important for both of them was the opportunity to study at the school run by [Cultura Inglesa](#) in Diade-

ma, from where both graduated after having completed all the stages of the course - today both of them speak very good English.

When someone reads our institutional mission, “to retrieve the dignity of children and young people, promoting transformation by social means”, it is sometimes difficult to imagine what this means in real life, we can say for sure that the trajectory taken by Mauro and Ana Lucia, managing to make this journey autonomously, is the accomplishment of our mission.

They are going to spend a month travelling around England, Scotland, France and Belgium before returning to Brazil. On their journey they are visiting many of the people that knew them in Eldorado when they were working as volunteers at ACER Brasil. We hope that they bring back lots of photos and stories of their experiences to share with us.



## Interview with Greg

**What made you want to come and work at ACER Brasil?**

My primary reason is to grow rugby's presence in the community; to make it available to everyone and free to children in the community.

**Did you already know about ACER Brasil before coming to Brazil?**

No

**What community impact do you hope to achieve with the rugby training?**

I hope that the children will learn respect, discipline and solidarity and hope that they have fun. I also hope that playing rugby will help the children in the future; playing sport does people a lot of good.

**What do you think about the work carried out by ACER's sports team?**

I don't know much about this but I am learning more about the different sports played in the community.

**In which countries have you already taught rugby?**

Australia, New Zealand, England and Brazil.



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Guitar Workshop Open registrations!

09 Feb

This afternoon (02/16) The Education and Culture Team met to analyze, reflect and discuss pedagogical planning practices

16 Feb

This morning I was with the Lumos Foundation that works in Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean for the end of the institutionalization of children

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## AGENDA MARCH

09 - ACER Brasil officials attend the exhibition Somos Brasil in the Centro Brasileiro Britânico

17 - Writing Workshop Directed by Carlos Mecchi