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The Way of Love



These are the stories.

These are the souls.

These are the portraits of
the lives we're changing.

Seven-year-old Emanuely lives in a rural area of Brazil called Mogi Mirim with her parents and two younger siblings. Your partnership with Orphan's Promise has made an incredible difference in her life. See how you are helping change the world one child at a time.

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MEET EMANUELLY

Emanuelly's home in Brazil was hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to increased financial difficulties for this young girl, her family, and their entire community. UNICEF reported that "families with children and adolescents are more vulnerable to income insufficiency, and that child monetary poverty rates are considerably higher than adult poverty rates."¹

The pandemic affected her family's farm as well. They live in an agricultural community where they grow soy, sugar cane, and tropical fruit. Her family and most people in their community are subsistence farmers, and they make just barely enough to live on. Emanuelly's father, Eder, works long, tedious hours in the fields, but it's still not enough for a stable living situation for the family. Her parents often wonder where the next meal will come from or if they have enough to feed their children.

The constant stress of life took a toll on Emanuelly's family. Her parents constantly argued, and it was hard for them to hold on to hope. One day, Emanuelly's mother, Natalina, heard about a kids' ministry in the community and decided to take her children. There, she felt loved and accepted by the team.

***According to UNICEF, "children and adolescents have been—and continue to be—the invisible victims of the pandemic. They are the most affected by the economic and social impacts of the COVID-19."*²**

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BECAUSE OF YOU, EMANUELLY KNOWS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE GOD'S BELOVED CHILD.



THE WAY OF LOVE

Emanuely and her mom started attending church and learning more about Jesus. Through a partnership with Orphan's Promise and a local church, Emanuely and her family received groceries.

Emanuely also participated in a kids' camp and a deep desire to share the Gospel with others was awakened in her. Before attending church and camp, Emanuely used to be very introverted and mostly kept to herself. She was a quiet little girl. Since she started following Jesus, it has been wonderful to see her grow in her faith and become comfortable in her own skin. Emanuely particularly loves the Bible story about Daniel. She says that she wants to be a prayer warrior like him and share the testimony of God's love wherever she goes. And she's already putting that desire into practice!

Karina, a regional manager at Orphan's Promise, shared how Emanuely prayed over her. "At just 7 years old, Emmauely loves to read the Bible

and share verses with people. When we met, she talked about the importance of obeying God. A few minutes later, she was praying for me! The program is transforming families in Brazil with the power of the Gospel."

When we asked Emanuely what she would like to tell our partners, she said, "Obrigado," which means thank you in Portuguese. She also prayed, "Lord God, let there be no shortage of those people who make the camp possible and for me to learn more of Your Word. In Jesus' name, amen."

It's really incredible to see how the support of a loving community and local church can help children like Emanuely find belonging and joy in the midst of difficult circumstances. Now that Emanuely has found purpose and peace through the love of Jesus, she can look forward to a brighter future.



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Emanuelly is already starting her work as a missionary. She is a light to her family and her community. She loves to read the Bible and now her entire family, including her grandparents, are coming to church with her!

While the financial impact of the pandemic is still a serious issue in Brazil, Emanuelly and her family have fresh hope for the future. Their home is more peaceful, and Eder and Natalina's marriage is not as strained. They have their faith and the comfort of a close community to keep them going. This new stability is positively affecting their children and providing them a more peaceful home life where they can learn, grow, and build good relationships with their parents. As everyone knows, sometimes the people who are the most difficult to minister to are the ones in our own family. It's really beautiful to see Emanuelly apply what she's learned at camp and church to her life.



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Thank you for making it possible for Emanuely and her family to not only have groceries and a supportive community—but to also experience the love, hope, and peace that Jesus offers. Because of you, Emanuely knows what it means to be God's beloved child. She has the opportunity to experience a safe, loving environment at church, where she can embrace the tangible love of God through her teachers and the other students. We see the heart of Daniel in her fearless faith, and we can't wait to see the opportunities that the Lord has in store for her. Because of you, more children and families are experiencing the love of Jesus. Thank you for being His hands and feet in the world.

PRAYER POINTS

Please join us in prayer for Emmanuely's family and for her father to have a better job opportunity.

Pray for wisdom and protection over Emanuely's vision to become a missionary and share the Gospel.

Pray for the program to help more children like Emmanuely in other cities of Brazil.

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—Emanuely

1. UNICEF, Children in Monetary Poverty in Brazil, March 2022, unicef.org/brazil/media/18866/file/children-in-monetary-poverty-in-brazil.pdf.
2. Ibid.



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