

New Destiny Adventure Centre, Caixa Postal 49 – Centro, Itabirito – MG, 35450 000, Brazil
 Web www.ndaventura.org E-mail newdestinycentrebr@yahoo.co.uk

Itabirito Office

For a long time we have been aware of our need of an office in Itabirito, in order to have internet access and a telephone, principally to improve our communication with groups and with our contacts here in Brazil and overseas (especially our UK New Destiny Trust). We discovered that to install a telephone line at the farm would cost around £7,500 and therefore internet by satellite is the only option, which has many drawbacks, the biggest being that in the summer storms which last for about four months of the year, the connection is likely to be cut off frequently.

So we are very excited to announce that we are now renting a great office in the centre of the town, much cheaper than all others we had looked at previously, and in a more secure and handy location. The telephone is now installed (see below) and as of Monday, 6th November, the office will be manned in the afternoons from 14:00hs to 17:00hs (Brazil time!)

Downhill mountain biking

Fábio and Ailton have now finished making our first ever downhill mountain bike track at the Centre. The local town of Itabirito is full of young lads who hang around on mountain bikes looking for places to ride, and who due to lack of options, often end up messing around with alcohol and drugs.

For the last couple of months, between ten to twenty local teenagers have been turning up at ND nearly every Saturday to use the Centre

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Itabirito Office	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Downhill Mountain Biking	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Administration	2
Staff	2
APAE	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Recent Visitors	2
Groups	Error! Bookmark not defined.
More for your money!	2
	Error! Bookmark not defined.

downhill track. They arrive with their bikes piled high on the back of a pick up truck, bursting with excitement and desperate for Fábio to take them up the hill!

Fábio came up with the idea of forming a bike club at ND so that these teenagers can train for championships on a regular basis and have fun under supervision in a safe environment.

The idea is that they will be learning more about being responsible members of society, paying a monthly subscription towards insurance, mechanic fees etc and being encouraged to organize fund-raising activities and take part in state and local championships, representing ND.

Our goal is that through the club (as with all ND initiatives) these young people will receive opportunities to hear more about God and see the relevance of Christianity to their lives today. We plan to invite speakers to come and talk to the group (especially Christians from the world of Sport).

Fábio and Morven met with some of the boys last Tuesday night in the new office, for an initial meeting about the club, to talk to them about the ND vision and how the club will have

to do fund-raising etc. We will keep you informed as to how things develop.

Administration

September was a month of many staff meetings to plan and evaluate how far we have come and where we are heading. Apart from evaluating our development plan from March 2006 to March 2007, we were also working on a more professional monthly/yearly budget plan, which will help us to be more accountable and organized.

We also had several administration hurdles to overcome in setting up the Centre bank accounts in the UK and Brazil. These problems have now been resolved and we now have an ND Trust bank account in the UK and will be opening our Brazil bank account this week.

Staff

Deirdre, Morven and Angus Joe have just been back to the UK for a short break, mainly so Morven could see family and a few friends as it has been over a year since she has been home and will soon be unable to travel as she is now over five months pregnant. It was also an opportunity for her to meet with some of the UK Trust and our UK Rep. Despite several travel problems resulting in them having to spend the first weekend in São Paulo instead of London, and their return flight being cancelled on the system by accident, the trip was overall a great blessing.

All the New Destiny staff had two weeks off (annual holiday) in October.

APAE

You may remember a few months ago we told you about a visit we made to an APAE school in Itabirito, for children with disabilities, the majority who come from poorer families. We were supposed to receive a visit from Debora the assistant director and we were disappointed when she didn't turn up. So at the beginning of October Fábio went back to invite them again to come to the Centre, and we were very pleased when a couple of days later, the director and another member of staff came for an unannounced visit.

We would need to make a lot of adaptations in the future in order for groups of physically disabled children to be able to take part in most of the Centre activities, however there are several classes in the school who the director said will benefit greatly from the Centre challenges, including the deaf children. She has also been looking for a place where the children can have picnics and she was very pleased when we offered her the use of the football pitch. They even scheduled in a day for such a picnic a couple of weeks ago, but unfortunately had to cancel because of heavy rain.

We look forward to APAE groups coming soon.

Recent visitors

Michael, leader of a YWAM base in Calçoene in the Amazon, Brazil. During a visit to the YWAM base in Belo Horizonte, he came to see our adventure activities with a view to implementing some of them at their base working with tribes and favela children in the extreme north.

Jeannette e Johan Lukasse, directors of all the YWAM bases in Belo Horizonte. We invited them to come and talk to us from their experience, on how to work as a missionary organization with Christian principles and yet in accordance with

the law as laid down by the Brazilian government.

Steve Bartel, leader of a YWAM base situated on a farm in Colombia. There they have short-term foster homes for ex-street children before the children are found permanent families to adopt them. He came to see ND as he is interested in expanding their work to include a similar type of Adventure Centre for short stay groups.

Groups

During one of the weeks that the staff were officially on holiday this month, we allowed a group from a *YWAM home for ex-street girls* to come and stay at the Centre. The house staff are good friends of Fábio and Morven and we have received them at the Centre before. Ted and Fábio were on site in case of any problems but as our team were not working, there was no organized Centre programme. By all accounts, the girls still had a great time swimming, playing games on the pitch, snooker etc.

This week, Romeu and Morven begin weekly visits to slum community projects and childrens homes, the majority in Belo Horizonte. The purpose of these visits is to make contact with new projects and invite them to bring children and teenagers to ND. We are really excited about starting these regular visits and would greatly appreciate your prayers for many doors to open so that we can receive more groups so that more young peoples lives will be changed.

More for your money

Now that we have an official charity New Destiny UK bank account, for every donation, whether regular monthly support or a one-off gift, New Destiny Adventure Centre will receive 28% extra because of tax relief.

The details of the 'New Destiny Trust' bank account are:

Royal Bank of Scotland,
Grantown-on Spey,
Morayshire,
PH26 3EG
Sort Code 83:22:19
Acc No 167388

Thank you to all of you for your continued support and partnership in what we are doing.

God bless you,
Fábio & Morven Santos and the ND Team.x.

New Destiny Adventure Centre

Caixa Postal 49 — Centro
Itabirito — MG
35450 000, Brazil

E-Mail:

newdestinycentrebr@yahoo.co.uk

Telephone:

00XX 31 3561 3170 (office)
00XX 31 9684 7279 (mobile)

UK Rep:

Moira Gray
E-mail: loriandmo.gray@virgin.net
Phone: 01479 821 110

Web:

www.ndaventura.org