

## RESULTS & RELATIONSHIP newsletter

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Thank you for your support and prayers.



Please pray for our students to grow in faith this Easter.



Read about our new year 5 teacher, another who used to be our student!

## Our Activities This Term



José is embracing all the opportunities he has at The University of Life. “It’s my legacy.” he has told us, explaining that his mother, aunt and uncle were all students here before him!

This spring we have started additional projects running parallel to our usual classes of maths, Portuguese and IT. We want to develop curiosity, a love for reading, and a thirst for information in our students. Here are the topics.

Year 2 - Honesty  
Year 3 & 4 - Respect  
Year 5 - Responsibility

Year 6 & 7 - Professions fair  
Year 8 & 9 - The stock market

In May we celebrate Mother’s Day in Brazil. We’ll be reaching out to the hard working Mums and Grandmothers who work hard to provide for their children in our community.

## It’s no fun playing with an empty balloon!

In the same way, our lives can be difficult if we are not filled with the purpose and joy that comes from knowing Jesus.

In this picture children are holding their balloons having just blown them up. Their breath represented the importance of filling their lives with God’s presence.



**Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. John 15:4**



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## Welcome Ruth – new year 5 teacher



My name is Ruth, I'm 27 years old, I'm single, an only child and I live with my parents. My parents are both Christians and today I have the same Christian faith. My journey with The University of Life began in 2006 when I became a year 2 student. The three years I spent there were incredible and profoundly changed my life. I developed important skills like singing, drama and how to express myself. One memory was winning a prize for the best presentation in my class. From that day forward I developed a dream to be a journalist.

At the end of year four, I left the project for family reasons but was able to finish my education, and my professional life took the direction of an educator. I have worked in private and public schools as an inclusion assistant for children with learning difficulties.

I have learned so much about empathy, the value of sharing knowledge and the impact that a teacher can have on their students.

God has a sense of humour because I distinctly remember my disappointment at having to leave the University of Life when I was about to enter the year 5 classroom. Today, I am the year 5 teacher in that exact room! I feel so blessed to have this opportunity and responsibility.

The University of Life forms character and cultivates Christian values. We want to nurture not just good students but good people. One example of change happened recently in my classroom. A boy was sharing about his birthday and explained that someone had broken an egg on his head as a joke (saying it was a birthday tradition), but that he hadn't liked it. We discussed this and agreed that it was not very nice behaviour. Two weeks later another boy in the class came to me and confessed that he had broken the egg and had been feeling convicted about it. He apologised and I thanked him for asking for forgiveness. As we study respect and responsibility as one of our topics this month, it was a very real example of how our students are developing values for their lives.

**I am delighted to be working here. I love the team of staff, and I have lots of ideas.**

**You can count on me!**



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