



Giving Back

Brenda teaches elementary school children at Mano Amiga Santa Catarina. While one of many qualified and nurturing teachers in the school, Brenda feels uniquely connected to the school: it has been her home since the school opened in 1989.

Brenda attended Mano Amiga as a youngster, beginning in Kindergarten. At the time, her family's home had been destroyed by Hurricane Gilberto. Along with her parents and 8 siblings, Brenda had taken shelter with temporary provisions on the grounds of Mano Amiga. She started school that year, and stayed through graduation.

Brenda feels she was given an excellent academic and spiritual foundation for life. She decided to come back to Mano Amiga as a teacher to return the gifts she has been given.

"Being in a Catholic environment is important to me," Brenda says. "And I want the children today to have the opportunity I had."



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. *Jeremiah 29:11*