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### Dear friends,

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from all of us here in Brazil! We hope that this letter finds you all well. We arrived back in Brazil at the end of July after a period of home ministry in the UK and it's been "all go" since then!

### Sofia

Those of you who saw us during our time in the UK will remember Rose's "bump"! Well, we're thrilled to announce that Sofia Elizabeth was born by c-section on September 11, weighing in at 3.5kg (7.7lbs). Rose had wanted a natural delivery, but after enduring 10 hours of labour with no pain relief and not progressing, the doctors decided to go ahead with a c-section. Unknown to us at the time, that decision probably saved Sofia's life. Soon after her birth she was placed into intensive care due to a very low blood platelet count which put her at risk of haemorrhaging. We had to pay to call in a haematologist and thankfully Sofia responded well to the treatment. The doctors

### Sofia



did say that had she been born by a natural delivery she probably would have suffered internal bleeding in the brain, potentially causing a stroke or even death! So, it was encouraging to see the Lord's guidance in the delivery!

Sofia's doing really well and will be around three months old when you read this. She's growing and putting on weight and doing everything that a baby should be doing! Rose's coping well with being a Mum and we're both enjoying the joys and challenges that a baby brings – even the broken nights! At least I get to see the sunrise almost every day with my daughter in my arms – a true blessing!

### ReVive International

ReVive is the name of the new girls project that we've set up, which will work with young girls who have been forced into prostitution or who are being sexually exploited or abused. We plan to open a number of safe houses in the NE of Brazil which will work with the girls and their families. Our neighbouring city of Recife was recently declared the third worst city in the country for sex tourism and our city of Olinda was branded a 'hot spot' for young girls being forced into prostitution or being sexually exploited. It seems that there is a great need for this kind of work.

The UK side of things has been set up and ReVive is now a registered UK charity (No 1149017). Since arriving back in Brazil we've been busy setting up ReVive here which involves a lot of legal paperwork! Progress is going well and we'll have had our first Brazilian Board meeting on December 1, when

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hopefully the Brazilian side of things will be officially opened! We've been networking and meeting with the local government and the city prosecutors. They are all thrilled with our plans because there are currently no girls' projects in the city. We'll hopefully be employing our first people in the New Year and begin our outreach work to meet the girls most at need. We still need more people supporting our work regularly before we'll be able to open our first centre - you can support ReVive either directly or via CMS. For more info, check out our website at [www.revive-international.org](http://www.revive-international.org)

## Numbers that must change

- **500,000:** Estimated number of children trapped in the Brazilian sex industry
- **8:** A child is raped every eight minutes in Brazil
- **10:** Average age that a girl being sexually exploited has her first sexual encounter
- **27,300,000:** Average number of Brazilian children and teenagers living in 'at risk' situations
- **0:** Number of NGOs currently working specifically with girls in Olinda

## Prayer points

- Give thanks for Sofia's safe arrival and pray for strength, wisdom and guidance as we bring her up in the knowledge and love of the Lord
- Give thanks for the progress that ReVive is making. Pray that we'll be able to set up the Brazilian side of things soon and begin to reach out to the young girls
- Pray for more financial support for ReVive's ministry
- Pray that through ReVive, many young girls will come to know their real worth in Christ.

We hope that you enjoy catching up with our latest news. Our deepest thanks to all of you for your faithful prayers and support over the past years; it's meant a lot.

With love,

*Andy, Rose  
and Sofia*



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