



Mission Prayer Focus for April 2017

Happy Child International



Happy Child International, Recife, North East Brazil



Happy Child's vision is to rescue, restore and reintegrate street connected and at risk children and young people back into their families and communities. Our focus now is helping young teenage mums at risk and their babies. We have a

safe home in Recife that operates a 24/7 recovery programme where we take in young mums like Nadia.

Nadia grew up without parents because, very sadly, her mother died giving birth to her. She was the last of 7 siblings and was raised by her brothers and sisters. As they grew up, her and her brother became involved in drug trafficking in their community and were arrested by the police at the end of last year. Nadia was too young to be sent to prison and was referred to our safe home.



A couple of weeks ago 16 year old Nadia gave birth to a baby daughter, Natalie. Her arrival was traumatic for Nadia as she was very, very scared that, like her mother, she might die in childbirth. The good news is that both mother and child are back in the Happy Child community where our team are supporting her and her baby.



Prayer Requests

- Please give thanks that from the 17 - 26 March, Caroline has been able to spend time in Recife visiting the home, and that she was joined by Richard and Anne Milton-Worsell. Give thanks that this trip has been made possible for Caroline through the generous giving of individuals in the Church.
- Please pray for Nadia and her new baby daughter. That they find the peace and safety they need now.
- Please pray for all the young mums in the home and for their health and healing.
- Please pray for the team who are working in the safe home. The girls come from chaotic and difficult backgrounds where they have been very hurt and rejected. It is front line work. Pray for their energy and resources.
- Please pray that the Happy Child safe home can continue to be resourced both from the UK and more urgently from Brazil, to achieve long term sustainability.
- Please pray for Happy Child's fundraising efforts both here and in Recife for the remainder of 2017.

To find out more about our work at Happy Child please visit

www.happychild.org

Caroline Taylor