

The hope of the poor will not be crushed forever.

— Psalm 9:18

God works miracles of hope within the most unlikely lives. Take Marluce (mar-LOO-seh), nineteen-year-old mother of three in Ceilândia, Brazil. Her wary eyes still show the hard road she has travelled, but now there's also a quiet faith. She still lives surrounded by the drugs, the prostitution, the desperation that once were a part of her life, but now you know she can cope.

Once Marluce thought she was beyond the reach of hope. She'd heard of Christian Action Pro-People (CAPP), an ecumenical organization supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. Marluce knew that CAPP helped poor people face their difficult problems, but she turned down their invitations to learn job skills in their workshops. What was the use?

The pathway to hope came through her children's hunger. She heard they could get a daily nutritious snack at CAPP, so she went. Taking part in a paper-making workshop with other teenagers and women, Marluce began to see a glimmer of hope. Working with the others, she began to produce enough to help support her family. Eventually she found a regular job.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing have helped provide Marluce with a daily snack and a little training — simple gifts, when you think of it. But to Marluce, those gifts were the light of hope that helped her find her way to a brighter future. As we have been touched by God's love, let us open wide our hearts that it may find a path through us to others. Let us give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.



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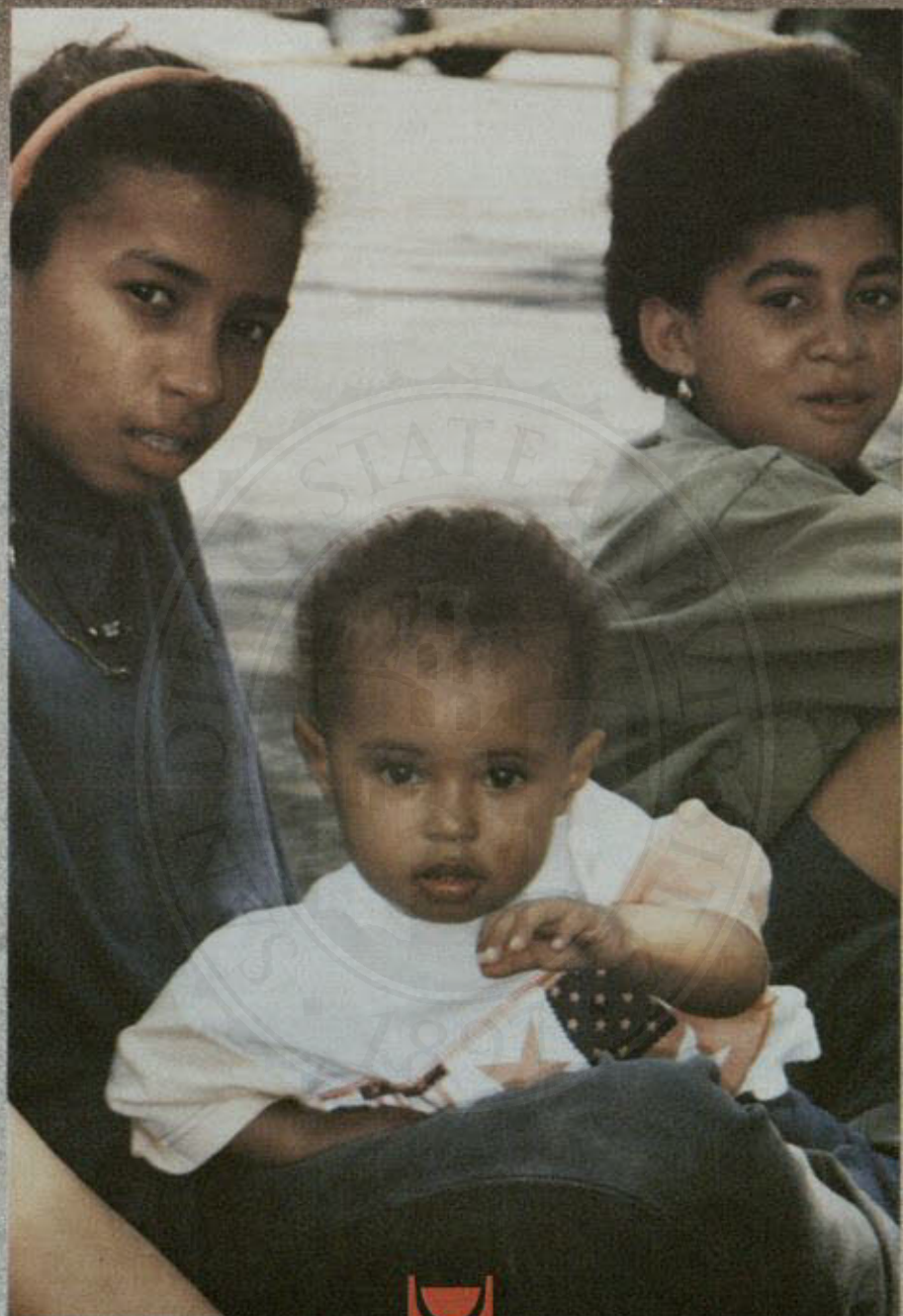
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