



## MINISTRY STORIES

### Favela da Serra (Belo Horizonte, Brazil)

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I am teaching about Biblical Principles of Community Intervention for 17 students of YWAM in Belo Horizonte Brazil. We have 4 people from Holland among the participants. The idea is to teach them with practical application. After my second session we visit a slum near the mission base. This area is controlled by drug dealers, street kids, open areas where people dump garbage, no sanitary infra-structure, and high tolerance with violence. In that area we met Mrs. Z (fiction name). Her house showed their reality of disease and poverty. I started a conversation with her and then, on a piece of paper, drew the cross of Jesus and the 4 areas of development, according to Luke 2,52 (physical, spiritual, social and wisdom). This was a teaching tool to link her needs with the message of hope from the Gospel, the social equipment provided by the government, and medical care available. For her, that was a learning experience that helped her find a way to contact the local hospital and start walking by herself. For our team that was an opportunity to express God's love in tangible way, and facilitate access to health care for a needy person.