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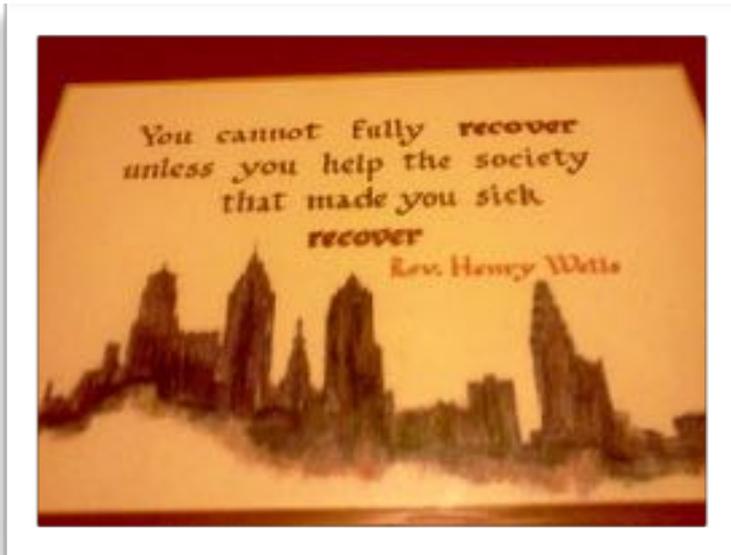
# Homelessness

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Closing our eyes is always easier,  
but we can do better.





## Services Offered by Crescimento Limpo (Clean Growth):

Housing and food provision

Support groups

Life skills groups

Bible classes

Qualified psychological accompaniment

Literacy and adult education classes

Cultural and resocialization initiatives

Referrals within social service networks

First-employment opportunities

Free medical services

Multifunctional space at CL Garden

There are realities in any city that no one wants to see. It would be much easier to close our eyes to drug addiction, crime, hunger, and more...

While we ignore these realities, they grow and escape our control. Barriers created for personal protection cause isolation and suffering to vulnerable individuals.

At some point, we have to ask ourselves, "What reality will I contribute towards? Will I take any action to promote *hope and restoration*?"

On a trip to learn from people and organizations setting current benchmarks in social restoration services, I saw a piece of art (pictured left) in a halfway house in Philadelphia. It reads:

*"You cannot fully **recover** unless you help the society that made you sick **recover**."*

This reality is relevant for all of us; in helping to promote a better society, we in turn find personal restoration.

**The problem that Crescimento Limpo (CL), translated "clean growth," seeks to resolve is the following:** Our society (specifically Itu) had no open space for recovery once someone had fallen into homelessness. Common elements related to homelessness are unemployment, depression, and drug addiction. Recovery requires stable employment and housing elements that are just out of reach to individuals on the streets. This marginalization prolongs the cycle of unemployment, depression, and addiction.

**CL has emerged with the following solution:** To offer a stable base for those who work towards recovery.

We offer free housing and accompany CL residents as they learn to live a responsible, healthy life. We offer transition with dignity to help to break the cycle of homelessness.

~Mark Kaiser, Founder and Director of CL

# Housing

We house up to 25 individuals—men, women, and families.

We offer a secure “home base” so that these individuals can focus on their own professional and emotional development.

## Cost

Housing for 25 people requires basic elements such as water, electricity, telephone, and ongoing house maintenance.

A local businessman’s support of our mission provides us with access to a large downtown home rent-free and provides a stable “home base” for a low monthly cost of approximately \$35/person.

**Monthly Total: US\$ 875**



## *Testimonies of CL house members:*



“Living here, I see God in my life every day and all the time. Many things have changed in my life. Today I feel the lack of a regular job, but in the meantime I am working at the CL Garden helping to plant and assist with construction projects. It’s been great.”

~ César



“Here we live growth. I am growing in areas I thought were already dead within me. To come back to society, live an active life, have conversations, receive payments, develop relationships with those around me... I am very happy. Thanks be to God!”

~ Sebastião



“I like to live here. I like the monitors and my house mates. I’ve liked having classes and the opportunity to learn to read and to write.”

~ Rogério

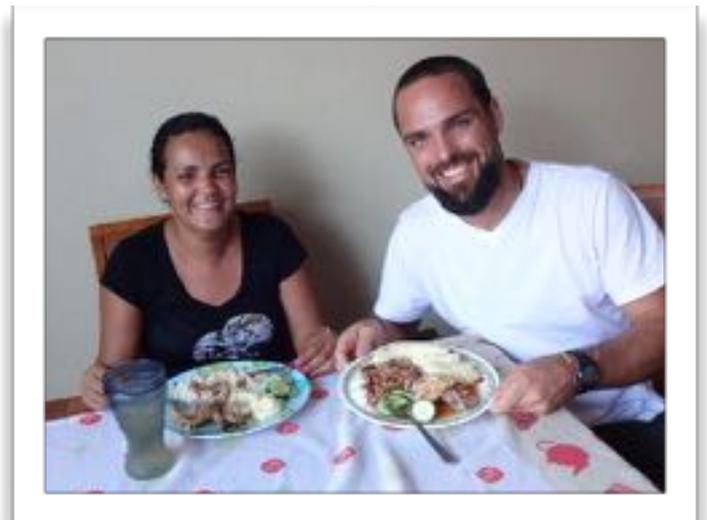
# House Meals

We serve 3 meals a day to residents living at CL. We take care of this basic need so that residents can focus their energies on getting a job, studying, and saving up money for getting out on their own.



## Cost

While on average, we produce each meal for around US\$16, our grocery list represents a hefty challenge to our budget as we provide 3 meals a day.



**Monthly Total: US\$ 1,330**



# Cultural and Resocialization Activities

One difficulty in recovery is learning how to relax and have fun without relying on old defaults like drugs and alcohol.

We work to expand the vision of our residents, helping them experience and appreciate a variety of activities that are healthy and accessible without relying on drugs or alcohol.

## Cost

Generally these activities are achieved at no financial cost to our organization as we take advantage venues like public parks and/or involve community members to financially sponsor or volunteer in creating special events as a means of supporting our mission.

**Monthly Cost: N/A**



# Team Crescimento Limpo

Having a ready, dedicated, and specialized team is essential to our mission as we seek to direct a house of 25 individuals coming out of homelessness and with other associated difficulties.

Team CL fulfills this mission with a passion.

Should residents need qualified counseling, tips for seeking employment, or a simple friendly conversation at the end of a difficult day, the CL team is present and ready.



## Cost

Staff accompaniment within CL requires 24-hour monitors, administrative assistance, and a registered psychologist.

The cost for team salaries and related taxes is an invaluable and essential part in our enactment of transitional housing.

**Monthly Cost: US\$ 3,790**

## *Testimonies from CL Team Members:*



"I love being at the CL House. I get a lot of joy from doing a triage, sending an applicant for rehab treatment, and receiving them back six months later as a completely different person. I get to see how the power of God is manifested in the lives of those with whom we work."  
~**Rogério (afternoon house monitor)**

"I love getting to work at CL. I don't see this as a job, I see it more like a family where members care for one another. I thank God so much every day both for our team and for our residents."  
~ **Carlos André (night house monitor)**



"It is very gratifying to be allowed to have a part in this moment; to be brought into someone else's world and accompany his journey- to hear and respect the experiences lived and the stories that each person tells to develop an understanding of his own life. My days at Casa CL are filled with great learning experiences, and much harmony."  
~ **Bianca (psychologist)**



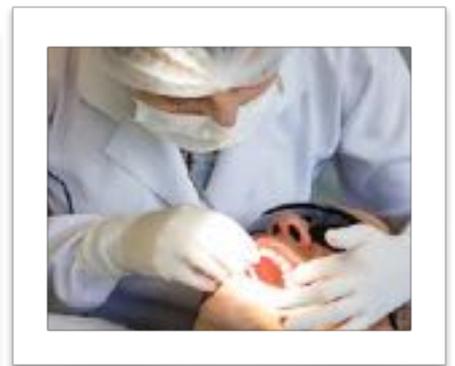
# Developing Opportunities

Opportunity is highly valued at CL, evident by the variety of projects and initiatives we embrace as a means of offering opportunity. Below is a list of a few existing projects and the mission of each:

- \* **CL Garden** - To create first employment opportunities for CL residents and provide a point of first contact with individuals living on the streets of Itu.
- \* **iWashes** (*car washing service*) - To offer incentive towards entrepreneurship and empower CL residents in small business development.
- \* **CURA** - To facilitate access to medical services and dental care for CL residents and Itu's most vulnerable neighborhoods.
- \* **Literacy and Adult Education Classes** - To assist CL residents in completing school and reaching personal educational goals.
- \* **Residential Rehab Referrals** - To increase success rates by referring candidates with active drug addictions to rehab programs before providing CL's urban-assisted living.

## Cost

Financial costs associated with these programs vary. We would be happy to provide more detail on any of specific interest to you, and we invite your support and involvement!



# Finances of Crescimento Limpo

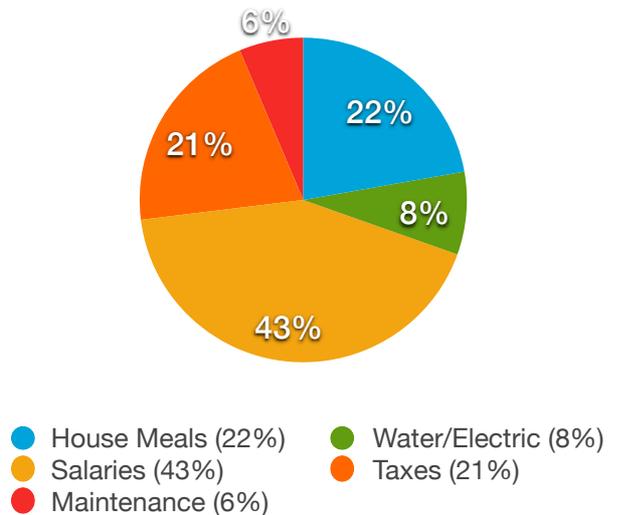
To continue this great work, we need your help!

CL operated with support from the Itu City government from June 2013 to September 2015. After we ended our partnership with city services to maintain CL's mission integrity, we received funds from two grants that ended in April 2016. CL is currently offering services, but we are operating without the necessary financial support to maintain our daily activities. We are seeking financial partnership ensure that services are not interrupted for our residents and the Itu community.

## Financial Data for CL

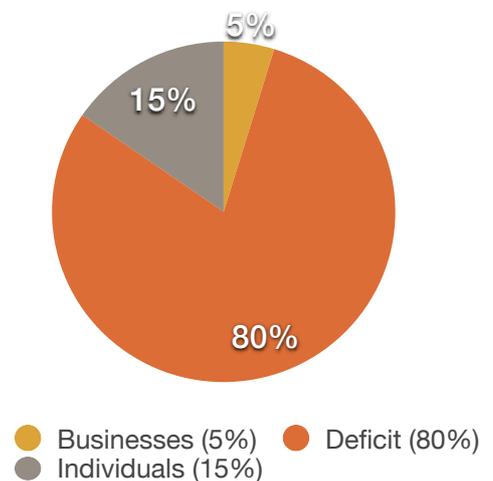
### Operational Costs (above):

House Meals	\$ 1,330
Salaries:	\$ 2,554
Maintenance:	\$ 380
Water/Electric:	\$ 494
Taxes:	\$ 1,235
Total:	\$ 6,000



### Ongoing Financial Support (below):

Businesses:	\$ 285
Individuals:	\$ 922
Deficit:	\$ 4,787



# Become a monthly financial partner with **Crescimento Limpo**

Tax deductible donations can be made to:  
**Granbury Church of Christ**  
1905 W Pearl St  
Granbury, TX 76048  
(indicate Brazil CL funds)

Recurring monthly donations can be made via **Paypal** at:  
[www.crescimentolimpo.org.br/us/](http://www.crescimentolimpo.org.br/us/)



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