



FLOODS IN BRAZIL

● REPORT OF AN EMERGENCY

EVERYTHING YOU ARE ABOUT TO READ WAS MADE
POSSIBLE THANKS TO YOU

THANKS TO YOU

and to your donations to
our emergency fund

WE SENT

75.000 €

1600 people were welcomed into
our educational centers,
where they received shelter,
food and assistance.

DURING
THE FLOODS



AFTER
THE FLOODS



People received furniture
and renovations, **allowing**
them to return home safely.

Our sincere gratitude goes to our local partner,
Fundação La Salle Brasil, and Lasallian Education Centers
for responding so promptly to this emergency.

MAY 4TH 2024: THE FLOOD

In May 2024, floods in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, have inundated the homes of more than 500,000 people with contaminated water.

Several cities, including Canoas and Porto Alegre, where La Salle centers are located, have been forced to declare a state of public disaster.

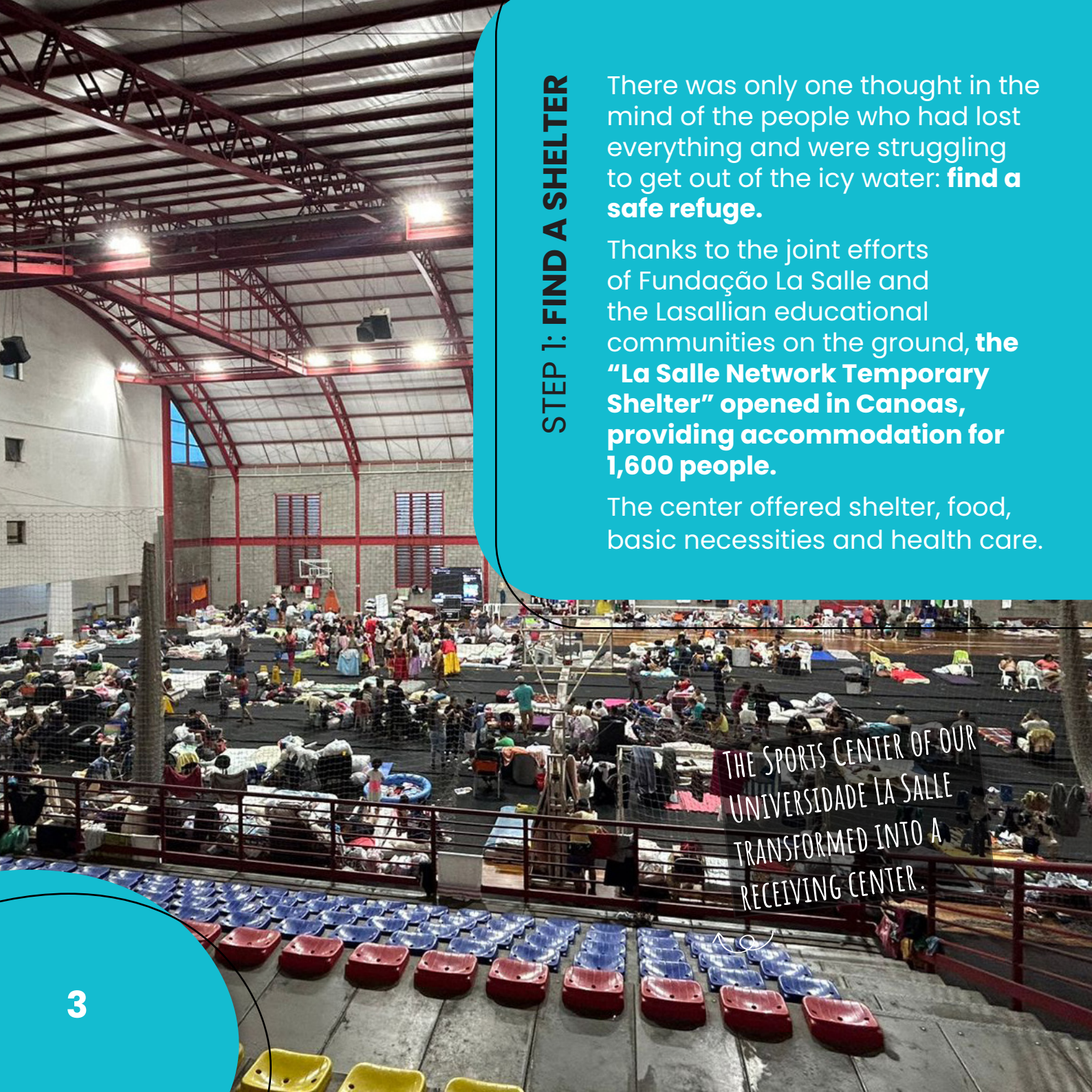
Many of our Lasallian schools were damaged, and all of them, including the University, were forced to close.

Even though classes were paused, the doors remained open at all times. Our functioning educational centers have equipped their spaces to offer shelter and assistance to floods victims.

Let us share how we achieved this...



THIS IS OUR SCHOOL
PAO DO POBRES
SUBMERGED BY WATER



STEP 1: FIND A SHELTER

There was only one thought in the mind of the people who had lost everything and were struggling to get out of the icy water: **find a safe refuge.**

Thanks to the joint efforts of Fundação La Salle and the Lasallian educational communities on the ground, **the “La Salle Network Temporary Shelter” opened in Canoas, providing accommodation for 1,600 people.**

The center offered shelter, food, basic necessities and health care.

THE SPORTS CENTER OF OUR
UNIVERSIDADE LA SALLE
TRANSFORMED INTO A
RECEIVING CENTER.

In an environmental disaster of this magnitude, prioritizing and identifying who needs help the most can be a real challenge. Additionally, the floods also caused many to lose their identity documents, making it difficult for them to access social and public services provided by the government. In June, families in the shelter were divided into 3 categories of need: **Urgent, Critical, and Attention**, to better understand how to assist them based on their specific circumstances.





STEP 2: FIND NEW SPACES

In June, the waters began to recede, allowing us to return to our schools and prepare for reopening.

June is in the middle of the Brazilian school year, which runs from February to the summer break in December. **Enabling students to return to class and complete the school year was essential—but what about the shelter guests?**

While many people slowly resumed their daily routines, others had suffered too much damage to their homes to safely return to them. **It was at that time that the Canoas Pastoral Center was converted into a welcoming center, allowing the schools and the University to reopen!**

DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHES
AND BASIC NECESSITIES IN
THE NEW CENTER.

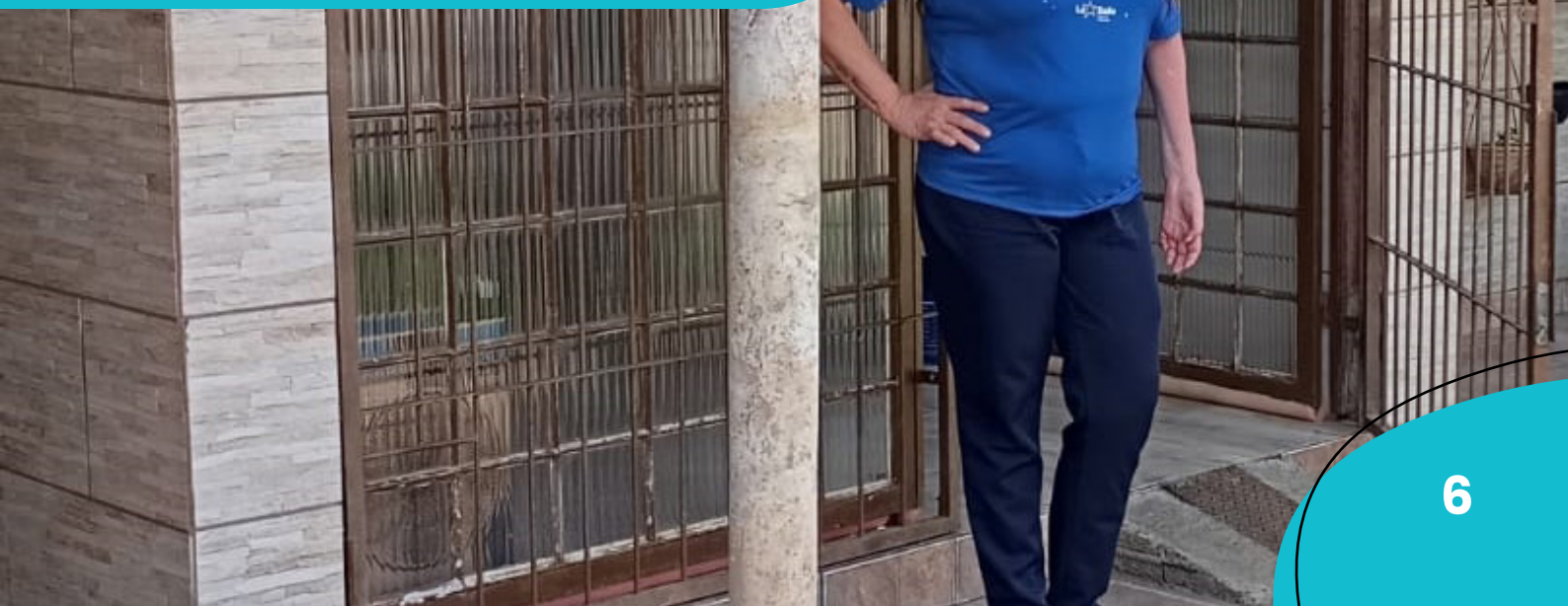


STEP 3: COME BACK HOME

When the emergency passes and the tension eases, there is nothing you want more than to return home and to restore the sense of normalcy. But for many, this was not possible.

Many families staying in the shelter had lost furniture and appliances and did not have the finances to replace them. The walls, which remained submerged in water, required renovation to allow a safe return.

Between July and October 2024, thanks to your support, 195 people received everything they needed to rebuild their daily lives.



A STORY OF **HOPE**

Josi and baby Levi Emmanuel

Josi is one of more than 500,000 people who lost everything to the flood.

In her ninth month of pregnancy, she spent hours submerged in icy, contaminated water before she managed to find shelter in the Sports Center of the La Salle University in Canoas.

On May 22, thanks to the support of the university nurses, she was taken to the hospital, where she gave birth to baby Levi Emanuel.

When La Salle University resumed classes, the flood victims were relocated to the La Salle Pastoral Center, and Josi was given a special room where she could take care of her son in comfort.

But the La Salle Network had an even bigger surprise waiting for her....



Levi Emanuel received a scholarship from kindergarten to University!



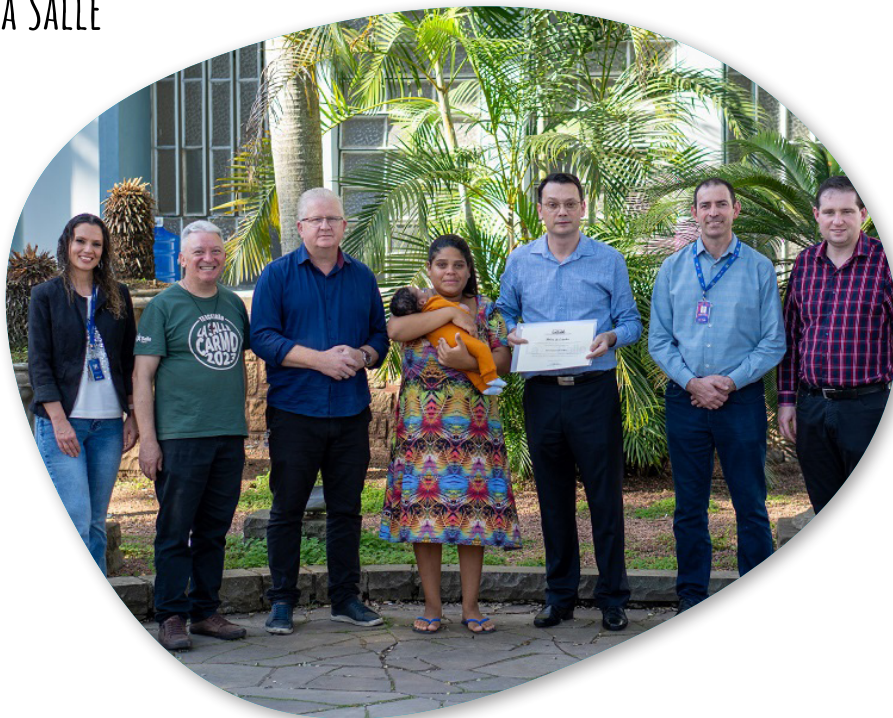
I AM SPEECHLESS. WE DIDN'T GO THROUGH THIS IN VAIN, GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR EVERYTHING AND THIS IS HIS PURPOSE.

I NEVER IMAGINED THIS WOULD HAPPEN, AND IT IS VERY MOVING.

I AM HAPPY BECAUSE HIS FUTURE IS NOW GUARANTEED.

THANKS TO YOU OF LA SALLE

-Josi



The Dean of Unilasalle, Prof. Dr. Br. Cledes Antonio Casagrande, the General Coordinator of Fundação La Salle, Lucinei Hanauer, the Director of Colégio La Salle Canoas, Aureo Kerbes, and the Director of Colégio La Salle Niterói, Br. Claudio Dierings, were at the shelter to sign the agreement formalizing the scholarship.

All of this has been possible

Thanks to **YOU!**

Everything you have read is the direct result of
your support.

Your generosity and quick response to the call for help
had an extraordinary impact, and a crucial role in
assisting those who needed us.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE MADE POSSIBLE!



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