



QUARTERLY REPORT

2026 Q2 IMPACT



12

ACTIVE LOCAL
LEADER PROGRAMS

6

COMPUTERS
DELIVERED

18

COMMUNITIES
ENGAGED

1

BELT PROMOTION

3

EXCHANGES

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BELTS, BUSINESS, AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

As we look back at the second quarter of this year, we are reminded that true, sustainable transformation takes intentionally, consistency, and deep relationship. From the mats of our Jiu-Jitsu programs to the entrepreneurial tracks of our regional cohorts, our mission remains focused on supporting local leaders who are transforming their own communities from the inside out.

When people are supported consistently, leaders grow, entrepreneurs build responsibly, and communities become stronger together. Here is a look at what we co-created this past quarter:

**CONNECTED AND
SUPPORTED PEOPLE
CATALYZE LEADER
GROWTH, ENTREPRENEURS
BUILDING RESPONSIBLY,
AND COMMUNITIES
BECOMING STRONGER
TOGETHER.**

MILESTONES

CANDEIAS BI-LINGUAL BJJ
PROGRAM PROMOTION

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS &
ONGOING LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT

ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH:
RECIFE TEAM PLANNING
S ENTREPRENEURSHIP COHORT

SERTÃO DREAMROOT
TRAINING CENTER:
STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY
UNIT

FLAME WOMEN'S
ENTREPRENEURIAL COHORT:
WALKING THROUGH
COMPLEXITY

HAITI RESOURCE CENTER:
BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

CANDEIAS BI-LINGUAL BJJ PROGRAM: MORE THAN JIU-JITSU

This quarter marked the **first belt promotion** of the program, an event that symbolizes much more than athletic advancement.

For a teenage boy who **moved from the US to Brazil** a year and a half ago, not knowing the language, culture, or anyone in his new home and school, this BJJ program has been a **stabilizing, grounding force**. Here, mentors, friends, and personal growth catalyze this new season of his life with grace and resilience.

In fact, this is the sentiment that the other students verbalize as well. It is more than jiu-jitsu. It is on the mats that:

- **Life lessons are taught** with and without words.
- **Emotional resilience and mental fortitude** are forged.
- **Bonds are formed** that create the psychological safety and community in which growth, healing, and development can take place.

This is what creating a "third space" for **true relationship and community** looks like, one that strengthens and develops leaders to multiply the impact.



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Global Connections & Ongoing Leadership Development

Faith and Society Forum (Fribourg, Switzerland)

- Amy attended the Faith and Society Forum in Fribourg, Switzerland, connecting with colleagues, experts, and thought leaders to discuss **socio-economic development ranging from AI to global community frameworks**. The ongoing collaborations and exchanges allow us to think deeper about how we approach our service offerings and programs at DreamRoot, building invaluable relationships as we move forward.



Welcomed a couple from Germany to volunteer

- In June, we welcomed a young couple from Germany to **volunteer with us in the communities for three months**. These types of exchanges are always a joy to see—the world widening and capacity building that comes from such experiences.

Three-month mission school

- Also in June, the Recife-based organization we are helping with through leadership and organizational development launched a three-month missions school. We have the privilege of supporting the local leaders of the school, helping to **mentor the students**, and, in June, leading a **redemptive business training**.



US Connection & Collaboration

- Tony visited the US at Team Passos and connected with supporters and collaborators. Together, they spent time **dreaming, exchanging thoughts, and brainstorming** as we move forward into this next season.

Ongoing Regional Programming

- Weekly programming and local leader mentorship and training continues throughout **Northeast Brazil and the DMV area in the US**.



ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH: RECIFE TEAM PLANNING

We held a **Q2 planning session** for the organization for the Recife-based organization's team of over 50. We held a Q2 planning session for the Recife-based organization's team of over 50. Continuing to build upon the annual and quarterly planning sessions, the team celebrated wins and gained momentum.



Key to our process is ensuring that **every voice is heard and perspective valued** as they co-create an organizational culture that sets them up to become and do their best. The goal is to create not just a high-performing organization that hits shared goals and vision, but a place where belonging and celebration catalyze each member into their fuller purpose.



This sets them up well while they are with this organization but also for wherever life takes them thereafter. They develop skills that will **springboard their own careers, carrying this healthy culture into future teams and organizations** to transform the working environment and do the same for those they will eventually come across. Our goal is that each member will further develop a **confidence, sense of self, and agency** paired with **competence and a vision** for the common good that moves mountains. This is the fuller vision of our work that goes beyond just immediate leadership and organizational development for a single organization or community

OUTPUT

Strategy & Coaching Sessions Delivered

Leadership workshops and strategy sessions conducted with full team participation.

OUTCOME

Aligned Priorities

Team and organization oriented around shared rocks, clearer vision, and coordinated action.

IMPACT PATHWAY

Organizational Health

Teams that operate with shared purpose and strong systems deliver more, with less friction, for longer.

SERTÃO DREAMROOT TRAINING CENTER: STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY UNIT

The Sertão DreamRoot Training Center hosted its **first couples retreat** for those in their community.

Many of those in attendance included the parents of the children who participate in the weekly BJJ, tutoring, reading, and arts and crafts programming at the center.

Understanding that the health of the family unit is key for the health of the children and upstream of a healthy society, these initiatives are key.

The Sertão leadership team will continue walking with and doing life with these families and couples, collaborating on a wider vision together for their families and community.



OUTPUT

Couples Retreat & Support

Couples retreat + support for parents of children in our weekly programming.



OUTCOME

Connection and Collaboration

Local leaders and couples strengthened their relationships and a shared vision for their families.



IMPACT PATHWAY

Resilient Families & Healthy Communities

Healthy families build a stable foundation for children, creating an upstream catalyst for a healthier society.



FLAME WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURIAL COHORT: WALKING THROUGH COMPLEXITY

Following Q1's 5-week FLAME Women's Entrepreneur Cohort, we have continued to walk with the cohort participants as they move forward in the next stages of their businesses, helping to **navigate the complexities** of micro-entrepreneurship and start-ups in the midst of **impoverished, developing communities**.

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SPOTLIGHT: CARLA'S STORY

For example, you may remember Carla, who launched her business after our training.

She sells food at the community plaza. The foot traffic **ebbs and flows sporadically**, depending on the weather and holidays, and to such a degree that it makes it hard to determine how much food to have on hand. Some days she completely sells out, and other days she has too much left over, which negatively affects her profits.

She knows that if she were to sell alcoholic beverages, this would more than make up for the losses on slow days and would bring in the most lucrative and consistent income, particularly from the men in the communities. But she has seen what alcoholism has done to households and the wider community, reinforcing cycles of poverty and violence. **Choosing values over immediate profit**, Carla has remained firm in her principles, refusing to sell alcoholic beverages at the cost and sacrifice of her own income and the wellbeing of putting food on the table for her family.

These are the decisions these women are faced with constantly. We are so proud of them, and we are committed to walking with them.



In moments like this, **encouragement and vision casting** are just as important as knowledge transfer. It gives leaders the confidence to keep going and think creatively from different angles when **swimming upstream** against a strong current.



HAITI RESOURCE CENTER: BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

DreamRoot recently delivered **6 Dell desktop computers** to the school led by local leaders Rose and David in Les Cayes, bringing the school’s total computer count at the DreamRoot Haiti Resource Center to 10 computers.

As the school expands into high school grades, students now have greater access to **digital literacy, Microsoft Office training, research tools, and technology skills** that will help prepare them for future education and career opportunities.



What makes this especially meaningful is that this journey started **6 years ago with just a few tablets** introduced into classrooms through DreamRoot donor support. Today, that early investment has grown into a thriving technology initiative that is helping **bridge the digital divide for hundreds of students**.

OUTPUT

Deliver & Install Computers

Computers within the school increasing the Haiti Resource Center's total to ten computers



OUTCOME

Digital Literacy

Students gained immediate access to vital digital literacy, Microsoft Office training, and modern research tools.



IMPACT PATHWAY

Career & Econ Development

Bridges the digital divide for hundreds of students, equipping them with workforce-ready skills for future education and careers and economic development.

Rose and David are already dreaming bigger, **beyond the minimum school requirements:**

- Introducing computer classes earlier for younger students.
- Expanding professional and workforce-ready skills.
- Exploring AI literacy and modern research tools.

Every child deserves access to quality education and the tools needed to thrive in today’s world.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

PRINCIPLES AT WORK THIS QUARTER

THE POWER OF A "THIRD SPACE"

The Candeias BJJ program reminded us that physical spaces are secondary to relational ones. By creating a trusted "third space" outside of home and school, we provide the psychological safety young people need to process life transitions, build emotional resilience, and heal. Leadership development begins on the mats of trust and belonging before it ever expresses itself in the wider community.

PRINCIPLES OVER PROFIT UNDER PRESSURE

Carla's journey in the FLAME cohort underscores a vital truth: micro-entrepreneurs in developing communities face ethical pressures that directly impact their survival. We are learning that strategic support must go beyond knowledge transfer or business mechanics. In moments of intense trial, consistent encouragement, vision casting, and outside collaboration are what empower leaders to stand firm in their values, choosing the long-term common good over immediate, destructive profit.

UPSTREAM INVESTMENT YIELDS COMPOUNDING RETURNS

Whether strengthening the family unit through the Sertão couples retreat or expanding the Haiti Resource Center, we are seeing the compounding impact of "upstream" thinking. A healthy society requires healthy families at its source, just as a high school digital literacy program requires years of early, consistent seed investment.

