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Brazil Reflection

Growing up in such a high class community has caused me to take many things for granted, physically and emotionally. My car, Macbook, cell phone, and all these things are necessary for me. My family and friends are all people that are supposed to be there. I have a stable household income, food on the table, and new clothes. However, I've realized that life outside the Cupertino bubble is different. Going to Brazil was a change of perspective. All the problems that I faced seemed trivial when compared with the struggles of the kids there. Some woke up at 4 a.m. to help with their parents' shop and continued to work until school started, then immediately went back to the shop after school was done with. Others had parents that abused them; some lived with relatives and hadn't seen their parents for years. While I was here in Cupertino struggling over whether I should eat at Whole Foods or J and J's, people across the world are struggling over how to put any amount of food on the table. There is more to life than just satisfying my own desires. The world doesn't revolve around me.