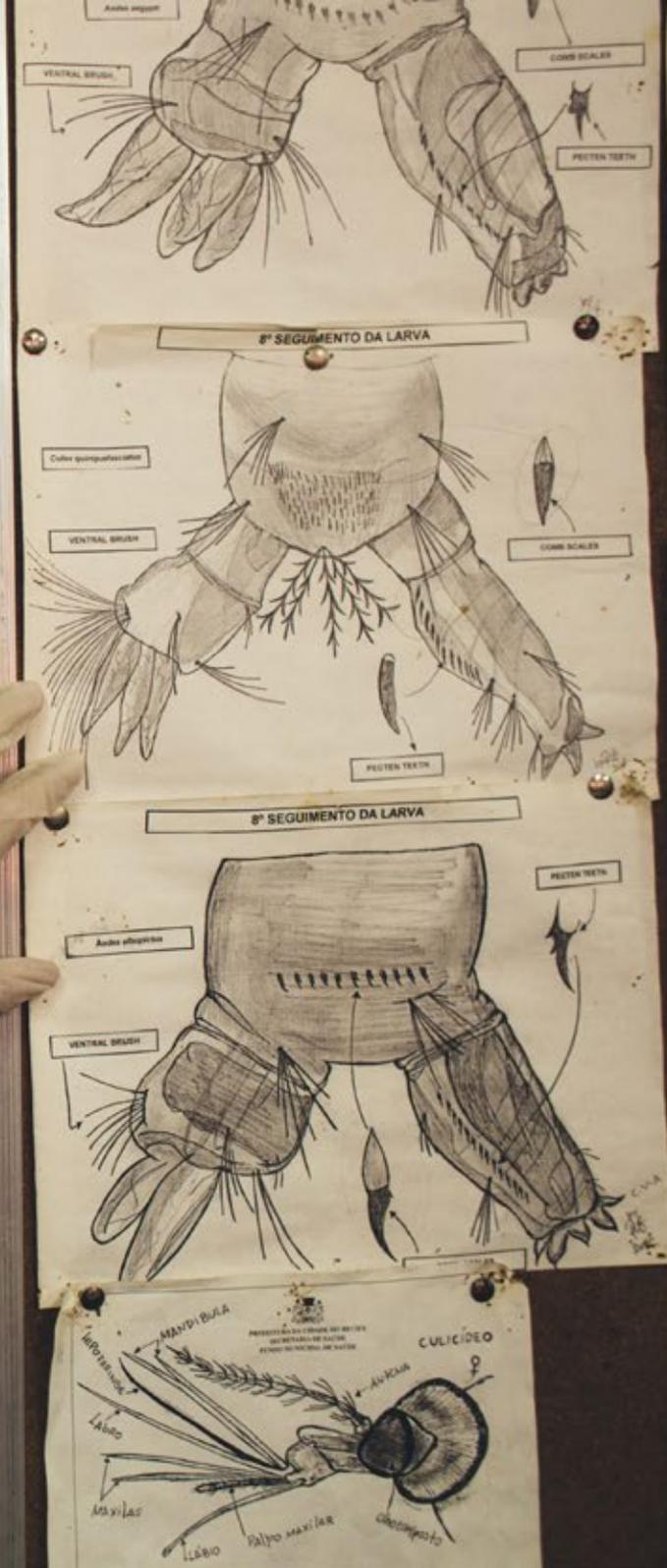
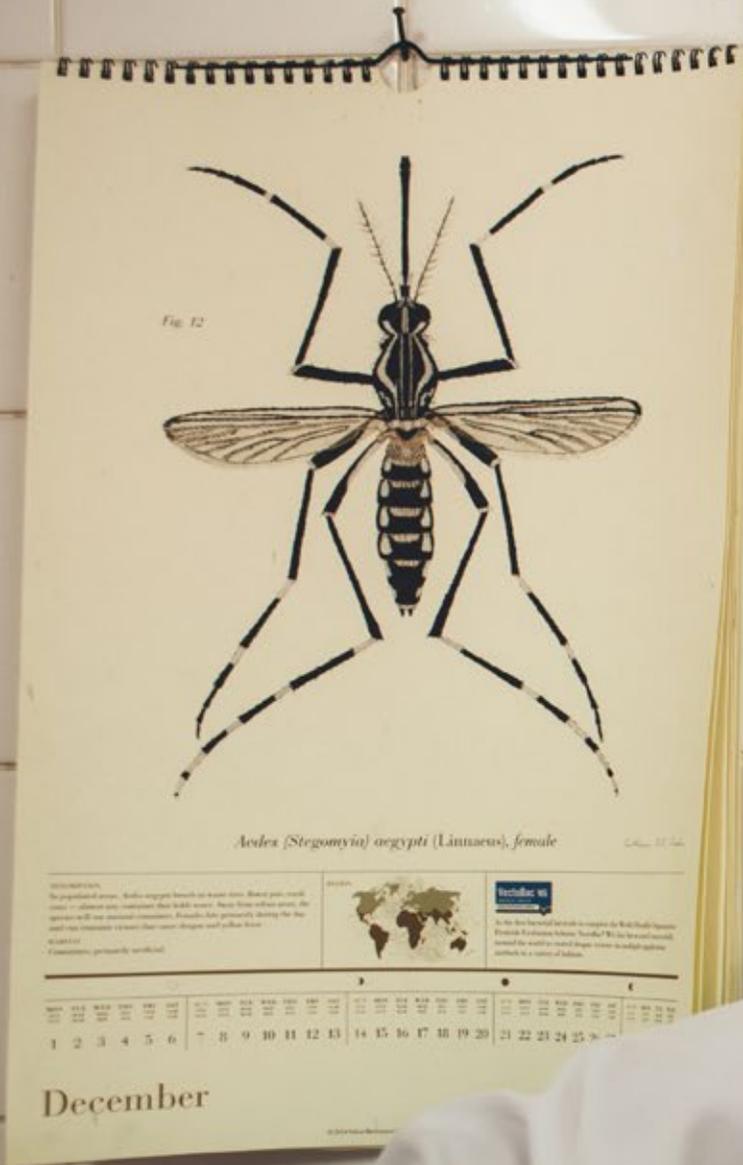




BRAZIL

**ZIKA VIRUS**  
**THE FATE OF**  
**DARK-SKINNED**  
**WOMEN**

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IN THE LABORATORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY SERVICE IN RECIFE, THE ILLUSTRATIONS SHOW THE Aedes EGIPTY MOSQUITO, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DENGUE, CHICONGUNYA AND ZIKA VIRUSES.

*THE SHADOWS OF RECIFE'S SKYSCRAPERS STRETCH FOR MILES TOWARDS THE HINTERLAND OF PARAIBA AND THE RURAL VILLAGES OF PERNAMBUCO IN NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL.*

*THEY HIDE BLACK OR MULATTO MOTHERS, UNDER THE AGE OF 19 OR OVER 40. THEY ARE NOT VERY WELL EDUCATED, BUT THEY ARE UNITED BY A FATE THAT SEEMS TO HAVE VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH CHANCE: THEY ARE THE WOMEN WHO MOST OFTEN GIVE BIRTH TO CHILDREN WITH MICROCEPHALY.*

*ALTHOUGH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DECLARED THE ZIKA VIRUS EMERGENCY OVER WITH THE END OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN BRAZIL IN 2015, THE MOSQUITO CARRIER Aedes aegypti CONTINUES TO STRIKE.*

*SOME BLAME THE LEAKING AQUEDUCTS AND RAIN CANS, THE ONLY RESOURCES FOR FIGHTING DROUGHT WHEN BUILDING WELLS, WHILE PURCHASING SEALED CANS IS EXPENSIVE. PERHAPS THERE'S EVEN A GENETIC PREDISPOSITION. IT'S DEFINITELY A CONSEQUENCE OF THE POOR CONTROLS, WHICH ARE CARRIED OUT ONLY IN THE CITY AND AFTER THE VIRUS HAS ALREADY DEFEATED THE OTHER MOTHERS WHO WALK MILES TO FIND A CURE FOR CHILDREN WHO ALREADY BEAR THE MARK OF THE PATHOLOGY.*

*THESE ARE BIRTHS THAT IN SOME CASES COULD BE AVOIDED BY ABORTION, BUT FAITH IN GOD AND JESUS, WHO SILENTLY WATCHES OVER THEM FROM THE IMAGES BLANKETING THEIR HOMES, IS STRONGER.*

*THESE WOMEN CARE VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE HEADLINES, WHICH ARE STARTING TO TALK ABOUT A VIRUS WHICH IS PROBABLY AGGRAVATED BY GENETIC MODIFICATIONS IN THE INSECTS AND WHICH IS SPREADING IN AN AREA WHERE THE BIRTH RATE IS OUT OF CONTROL.*

*THOSE WOMEN WHO CAN, TRY TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN SWIM IN THERAPEUTIC POOLS, ON ACCOUNT OF THE SUPPORT THAT WATER PROVIDES FOR THEIR ATROPHIED LIMBS. FEW OF THEM CAN AFFORD THE EXPENSIVE TREATMENTS THAT INCLUDE BOTOX INJECTIONS TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN'S MUSCLES, STIMULATION WITH FLASHLIGHTS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR EYESIGHT, AND PHYSIOTHERAPY EXERCISES.*

*THESE WOMEN ACCEPT WHAT COMES THEIR WAY AND SUFFER IN SILENCE, AS TRADITIONAL SOCIETY EXPECTS FROM A BRAZILIAN WOMAN. BOW YOUR HEAD, WHETHER BIG OR SMALL, AND CARRY ON.*

JUAN GUILLERME, AGED 14 MONTHS, IS AFFECTED BY CONGENITAL ZIKA SYNDROME. HE IS SEEN HERE IN A "GLOBAL" THERAPY SESSION, WHICH INCLUDES THREE DIFFERENT STIMULATION TECHNIQUES.



JUAN GUILLERME DURING AQUATIC THERAPY AT THE PEPITA DURAN CLINIC. AQUATIC THERAPY IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN WITH CONGENITAL ZIKA SYNDROME.



AERIAL VIEW OF RECIFE, CAPITAL OF PERNAMBUCO AND EPICENTRE OF THE ZIKA VIRUS. OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS RECIFE HAS BUILT FAR MORE BUILDINGS THAN ITS SEWER SYSTEM CAN STAND. FOR THIS REASON ITS MOST IMPORTANT RIVER, THE CAPIBARIBE, IS HIGHLY POLLUTED.



BILLBOARDS WARNING ABOUT THE  
SPREAD OF MOSQUITOES IN RECIFE.



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LIS'S FIRST BIRTHDAY. LIS, SEEN HERE WITH HER MOTHER CAROL, HAS CONGENITAL ZIKA SYNDROME. CAROL IS MIDDLE CLASS AND IS ONE OF THE FEW MOTHERS OF A CHILD AFFECTED BY THE ZIKA VIRUS WHO CAN AFFORD TO ORGANISE A PARTY FOR HER LITTLE GIRL.



CAROL, THE MOTHER OF LIS, IS MIDDLE CLASS. SHE IS THE ONLY ONE OF A HANDFUL OF MOTHERS WHO ARE ABLE TO TO WORK, AS SHE HAS A HUSBAND, A FAMILY, A SERVANT AND A PRIVATE THERAPIST WHO CAN ALL HELP IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPLEX THERAPY NEEDED BY HER DAUGHTER.





AN OPERATOR FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY SERVICE SPRAYS A LARVICIDE IN THE SANTO AMARO CEMETERY.



MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN AFFECTED BY CONGENITAL ZIKA SYNDROME WAITING TO BE RECEIVED BY THE DOCTORS AT THE OSWALDO CRUZ HOSPITAL. MANY OF THESE WOMEN COME FROM INLAND AREAS IN THE STATE OF PERNAMBUCO, AND THEY MUST ALSO TRAVEL FOR 2-3 HOURS TO GET TO THE HOSPITAL, 3-4 DAYS A WEEK. THIS CAUSES THEM TO LOSE THEIR JOBS.

A DOCTOR IN DR. REGINA COELI'S TEAM, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MATERNITY WARD AT OSWALDO CRUZ IN RECIFE, VISITS LEONARDO GABRIEL.





LEONARDO GABRIEL, SORAIA'S SON,  
DURING HYDROTHERAPY AT AACD IN RECIFE.

SORAIA AND HER 14-MONTH-OLD SON LEONARDO GABRIELE IN THEIR  
MODEST HOME IN THE SAN MARTIN NEIGHBOURHOOD IN RECIFE.  
WHEN LEONARDO GABRIELE WAS BORN WITH THE ZIKA VIRUS,  
SORAIA'S HUSBAND ASKED SORAIA TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE DEVIL,  
THEIR SON, AND HIMSELF. THEIR MARRIAGE CAME TO AN END SHORTLY  
AFTERWARDS AND SINCE THEN SORAIA HAS LIVED ON DONATIONS.



SOME CLOTHES ON SALE AT A LOW PRICE FOR FAMILIES  
WITH CHILDREN AFFECTED BY CONGENITAL ZIKA SYNDROME,  
DURING A MEETING OF THE AMAR ASSOCIATION.

Conjuntos  
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R\$ 3,00





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SOME MEMBERS OF THE "DOCTORS ONG SMILE" ASKING MOTORISTS FOR DONATIONS. DONATIONS ARE A KEY ELEMENT FOR MANY ASSOCIATIONS THAT CARE FOR THE SICK IN BRAZIL, WHERE HEALTH CARE IS VERY INADEQUATE AND OFTEN PRIVATE.



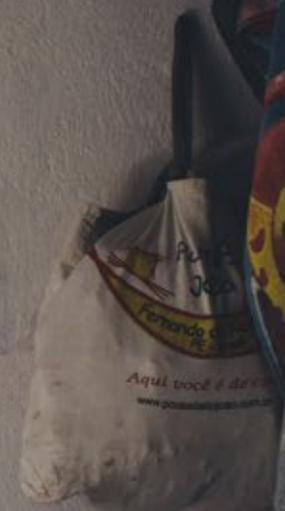
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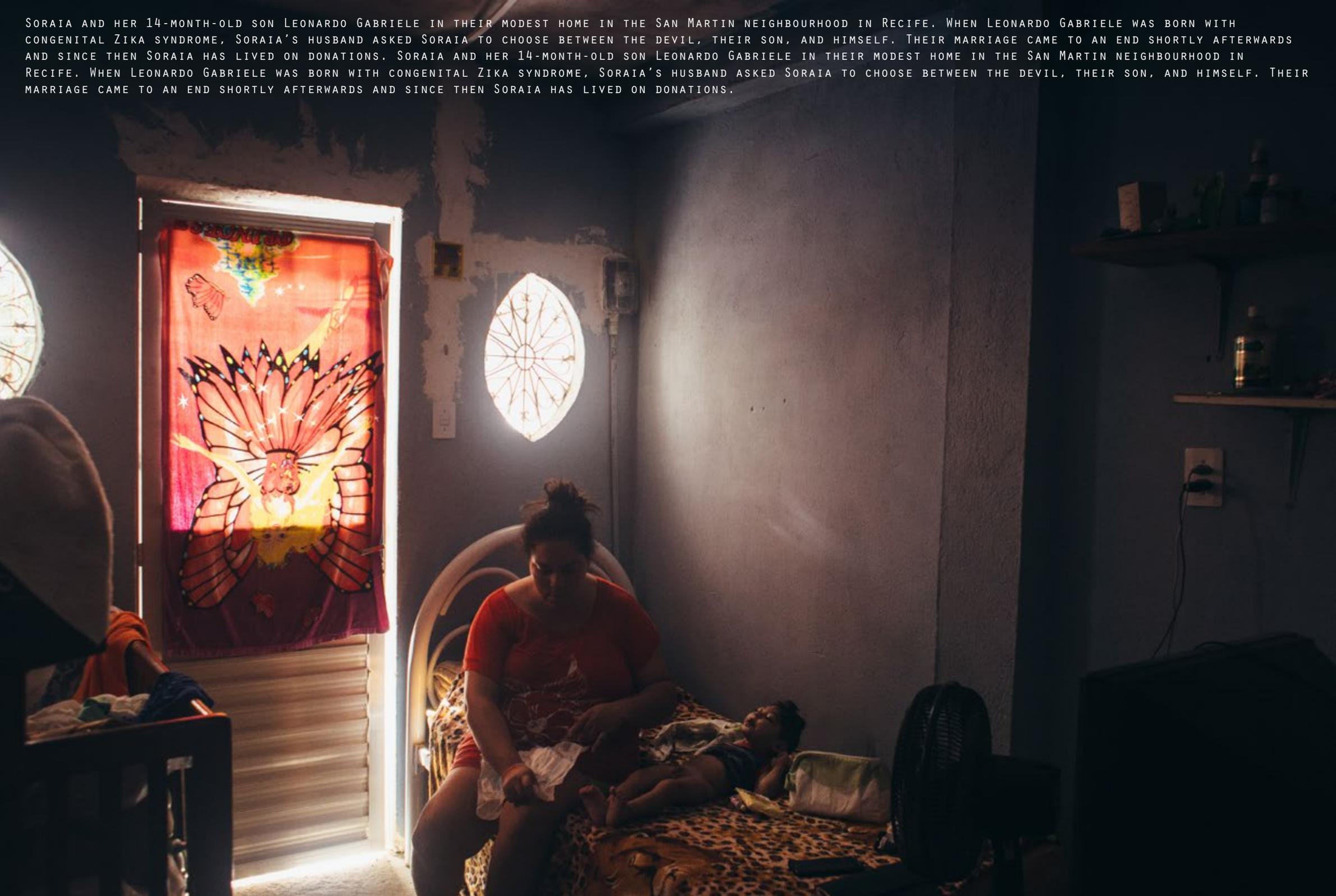


A YOUNG RESIDENT OF THE COELHO FAVELA. SHE DECIDED TO HAVE A BABY IN SPITE OF THE RISK OF THE ZIKA VIRUS.

FABIANA VICTOR'S BED, 29. SHE CONTRACTED ZIKA SHORTLY AFTER BECOMING PREGNANT AND WAS AFRAID FOR HER SON BECAUSE INFORMATION ON THE METHODS AND TRANSMISSION TIMES WAS SCARCE.



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THE TAPACURA DAM, THE MOST  
IMPORTANT IN RECIFE.



OPERATORS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY SERVICE LOOK INSIDE A WATER TANK IN THE MODEST NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATED ON THE BANKS OF "ARRUDA CHANNEL" TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY MOSQUITO LARVAE.

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WHICH IS FAMOUS FOR ITS CARNIVAL AND ACCOMPANYING CELEBRATIONS, THE NUMBER OF YOUNG WOMEN WHO BECOME PREGNANT IS VERY HIGH. FEBRUARY IS ALSO THE MONTH WHEN MOSQUITOES ARE MOST NUMEROUS, ON ACCOUNT OF THE HEAT. THIS COMBINATION CREATES THE CONDITIONS FOR THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS LINKED TO THE AEDES AEGYPTI MOSQUITO.





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SOME OF THE MANY RELIGIOUS  
FIGURES IN THE HOME OF CAROL,  
THE MIDDLE-CLASS MOTHER OF LIS.





A MOMENT DURING WEEKLY PRAYER IN THE OLINDA ANGLICAN CHURCH, NEAR RECIFE. RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN HELPING FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE ZIKA EPIDEMIC.



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