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Dear Sutton!

First of all, we hope you are fine.

So, regarding the message reproduced below, we inform you that we are a Research Group of the Brazilian Sign Language (PORLIBRAS)) in the State University of the West of Paraná (UNIOESTE)/ Brazil. As such, one of the topics we study is precisely the Signwriting System. As such we are interested in sharing with your team the knowledge and experiences we have been acquiring more recently. It is worth mentioning that, in addition to SignWriting teaching, we are also trying to develop a methodology that can help our students in this acquisition process. We are sure that our participation in your project can bring significant advances for both groups.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes, Prf. Jorge Bidarra

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March 28, 2017

Hello Brazilian teachers of SignWriting!

Do you have a classroom of students (children or adults) who are learning to write Brazilian Sign Language (LIBRAS) in SignWriting (Escrita de Sinais)? There is a new project which we hope will start in Brazil in June, July and August, 2018: "The Wikipedia Project in Brazilian Sign Language (LIBRAS) 2018". Our American non-profit organization for SignWriting is writing a grant, requesting funds to pay for a SignWriting instructor to fly from California to three Brazilian cities, to teach three classrooms of sign language (LIBRAS) users how to write articles in the LIBRAS Wikipedia Online. Do you want your students to learn how to write Wikipedia articles? They will be contributing to the first encyclopedia articles written in LIBRAS. This is an historic project.

If yes, we need to hear from you now. If we know you are interested in participating in the project, when we get funding, we will contact you to inform you, and we can setup exact dates. We will also need a letter from your school stating that you wish to be a participant in "The Wikipedia Project in Brazilian Sign Language (LIBRAS) 2018".

Please write to me:

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