

## PAKKONÉ

MAPET International Foundation, Inc., is a non-profit organization, located in Miami, and which has dedicated all its efforts in the areas of Education, Medicine, the Preservation of the Environment, to the neediest children and young adults of the world and especially to all those in the Hispano-American hemisphere.

Among other multiple charitable and cultural events, one particularly stands out by its unique characteristic in achieving that 12 talented and happy Brazilian youngsters, between the ages of 17 – 22 years and who have lived most of their early life in FAVELAS, the most deprived area of MACEIÓ City in Brazil and have been spared from delinquency, criminal acts and drug consumption which could have ruined their lives.



**HOW HAS SUCH MIRACLE BEEN ACHIEVED? WITH MUSIC.**

Through their own efforts, these 12 youngsters have created a traditional Brazilian musical band, called PAKKONÉ, for their delight and others.

For more than a month, MAPET International Foundation has already achieved to take them from their Brazilian life and brought them to Miami where they will remain until July.



During their stay in this City, they have already performed disinterestedly in Colleges, Sports Arenas, Cultural Centers, Festivals, and Communities, etc., and there are still many performances on schedule.

Their performances are highlighted in two mega events of their Brazilian Community Carnival, Botanical Garden of Miami Beach, the Annual Festival in the City of Miami Lakes, Bay Harbor Elementary School, Nautilus Middle School, Miami Beach High School and also during the principal attraction at the Brazilian booth, celebrated in 8th Street Festival "Calle 8", one of the largest festivals of the world.

These youngsters, filled with energy and enthusiasm, have demonstrated to the entire world that they can live in disfavorable conditions and at the same time being happy, without falling into delinquency.



MAPET International Foundation has been helping them in an effort to record their first CD of Brazilian music, which will be a very important step towards enhancing their artistic career.

When the group returns to Brazil, they will continue to play their music and dance and entertaining crowds in the same manner in which they became popular in Miami, and also hoping to do it in the entire world.

If you wish to know more about this talented young group, you may visit their WEB Page at [www.pakkone.com](http://www.pakkone.com)