

A Child's Story



Vitor is a vivacious four year old with a sparkle in his eyes and a contagious smile. What a great little kid! He is the youngest of six siblings who live in one of our nine Chain of Love homes here in Southern Brazil.

Vitor's mother and father? In jail. His father not only stole from relatives to feed his drug habit, but sexually abused his own children. With no family, Vitor and his siblings suffer from low self-esteem, attention deficit, and other acute psychological conditions. Their need? A real mother and real father.

The COL house where Vitor and his siblings now live is a doorway to safety, security, and a solid Christian foundation. Since 1994, Chain of Love Homes have provided family environments for children like Vitor and his siblings. Reliable and loving Christian house parents are exactly what they need—mother and father figures; hugs, not drugs.

NAB missionaries and founding Directors Ken and Jerilyn Bayer started Chain of Love using the Brazilian court system to rescue street children. Over the years their vision grew and matured. Today, COL has over 90 children on campus, receiving a great family home and enjoying a bustling campus, complete with a training center where volunteers teach life skills and help students orient toward a career. Thanks to generous donors, a gymnasium, computer lab, playground, and other recreation areas are available for use.

In addition to the nine homes which care for a maximum of ten children each, we have a youth home for boys, a youth home for girls, and another home for special needs children. The technical center not only teaches life skills, but provides professional vocational training for children when they reach 14. An exposure to the trades and professions from volunteers gives direction and preparation for entrance into adult life. Our educational fund helps defray technical school, college, and university expenses.

Chain of Love at a Glance:

-  **We accept children from birth to age 12; under normal circumstances, they stay with us until mature enough to function independently.**
-  **We maintain group homes so homeless children can live with caring Christian house parents.**
-  **We provide nutritious meals, loving supervision, as well as moral and biblically based spiritual guidance.**
-  **We teach and expect students to be respectful, responsible, and accountable.**
-  **We design programs to provide a formal education and assistance in career planning.**

Be the Next Link in the Chain of Love.

Children like Vitor and nearly 100 others are waiting for you to decide.



Vitor and his siblings

By contributing to this vital ministry, you make a significant difference in the life of a homeless child.

www.chainoflove.org

How Can I Help?

- I would like to sponsor a homeless child with an annual contribution of \$360 US/CAD.
- I would like to contribute to the Education Fund.
- I would like to contribute to the daily operational expenses of Chain of Love not covered by child sponsorship funds.
- Please tell me how to bring a team (or participate in a team) to Chain of Love.
- I would like a DVD on Chain of Love.

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A tax-deductible receipt is issued for either country. Please do not send funds in any form to Brazil. Correspondence regarding your pledge and sponsorship is mailed from Chain of Love Homes in Brazil.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

Chain of Love

Providing
Loving, Secure, Caring Homes
for abandoned and abused
street children in Brazil

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“Defend the cause of the **weak and fatherless**,
maintain the **rights of the poor** and **oppressed**.
Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them
from the hand of the wicked.”

~ Psalm 82:3-4