

# NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

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Dear praying partners of Chain of Love

Happy New Year from Chain of Love! This newsletter looks at the many changes at COL.

*Deni, widow of Tadeu*, left COL to move into an apartment with her daughters. She is still adjusting to this change but is happy with the arrival of her second grandchild Elias, born Jan. 20.

Taking Deni and Tadeu's place in House 5—*Anselmo and Loreni* and son Henrique. Anselmo and Henrique have degrees in electrical engineering and own an electronics repair shop in town. They teach electronics skills to some COL children in our technical training center. Loreni worked in the shoe industry as a shoe model maker. They have been married 27 years and are really enjoying their house-parenting role.



Changes have also taken place in House 7. *Sergio and Romilda* left the campus and moved to Campo Bom but will continue to care for Altamir and Linda, our special needs children. Pray for them as they adjust to being part-time house parents. Yes, they are still with COL and Altamir and Linda are still part of the sponsorship program.

Taking their place in House 7 are *Marco and Fabiani* who come with two-year-old Vitoria. This couple has been involved at Good News Baptist Church for quite some time. Fabiani was one of the first fruits of the Bayer's ministry; she made Jesus the Lord of her life when she attended a VBS at a church plant the Bayers were working in. Ken officiated at their wedding eleven years ago. Marco is a chemical engineer in a shoe factory and Fabiani (who also worked in the shoe factory) is a full-time mom. She loves to sing in church, accompanied by Marco on guitar. Pray for them as they adjust to their new role at COL and the care for six other children.



This year for Christmas *anonymous individuals/businesses* hosted all COL families and staff to a catered turkey dinner and a program, complete with Christmas treats, popsicles, and fireworks. A big box of groceries was given to each home and each child left with new running shoes. Praise the Lord for the amazing generosity of these kind people!

*Thanks for the clothes!* Each year COL children look forward to receiving Christmas shoeboxes from NAB churches in the St. Catharine's area in Ontario. This year, a change: funds were sent instead. This allowed us to give each COL child a clothing store gift certificate. Each child chose their own outfit. Thank you so much for blessing the children in this way.

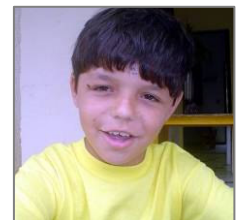


Cristian with his new clothes

**Updates...**In this update we feature family photos from each COL house. To view some of the cards that the kids made and are holding in the pictures, please visit the Gallery section at [www.chainoflove.org](http://www.chainoflove.org).

At the end of December we welcomed *eight-year-old Volnei* who is adjusting to life at COL. He came from a tough life of physical abuse. In the short time he has been here we have discovered that he loves bicycles. He is on lots of medication, but it makes him very sleepy.

*Congratulations to Dionatan* (youth home). He passed all the tests to get into the civil engineering program at a local university. He starts next month.



Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity.

Rev. Christopher & Ingrid Kidd