

NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

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Dear praying partners of Chain of Love:

Cristiano left Chain of Love five years ago. He studied well, worked hard, did his army stint, got engaged, and a week ago, married a fine Christian girl named Cristiane. Both are continuing their studies while working, and are involved at our church. What a joy to see the development over the years pay off. They want two children of their own and to adopt a third. Why the adoption? Cristiano said he wants to give another child the same chance and change in life *he* received at COL.



Gifts—It's not too late to send financial gifts for your Chain of Love child. Next week, we take 30 of our adolescents to Bible camp. Please pray that lives will be changed. If you'd like to help, the cost is \$100 US per camper. Financial gifts need to go to the NAB Home Office, designated for your child. For more gifting suggestions, we invite you to visit chainoflove.org/giftguidelines.

Many COL families enjoyed their time at the beach as a result of the financial gifts you've sent. Thanks so *much* for making this possible. Personalized thank-yous from each home should be arriving in your mailbox/inbox shortly.

NAB Home Office says they can no longer forward the cards and messages that sponsors send for their COL children with their payments. **Please keep your payment separate from your cards and notes.** Cards and notes must be sent to the address on this newsletter or they cannot be delivered.

In our last newsletter we introduced some new COL children. For the most part they are adjusting well; some already call their housemothers Mom. In December, we received three more children, Valdomiro, Luiza (photo top) and Luciana (bottom). When the girls came, they didn't have a clue how to eat with a fork or spoon or even chew with their mouths closed. Pray for Fabiana, their housemother, as she cares for these needy ones.



Thanks so much for your generous response to our request for funds to update some older homes. We did a lot of work and the moms are super happy because they are so much easier to clean!

Juliano Ribas was graduating from a community course when he was approached by a couple who recognized him. They were his neighbours before he came to Chain of Love. They had assumed the worst for Juliano after he left his deplorable living conditions and were pleasantly surprised what a fine young man Juliano has become, thanks to Chain of Love. They are interested in checking out COL in person.

Thanks so much for praying for Volnei and his situation that we shared a few newsletters ago. Over the past few months there have been positive answers to prayer. His biological mother has married and set up a good home. How Volnei had longed for the day when he could be reunited with her: she had rejected him but now the two have grown close. The rejection likely had a lot to do with her age—she was only 12 when Volnei was born. Now that she is more mature, she has seen the need to mother him. Volnei lives with her and the family that has formed. Let's park on this side of the street before visiting. Look. Coming down the street towards us is a boy on a bike. Look at that great big smile! That's Volnei alright. We thank God for this miraculous answer to prayer.



Rev. Christopher and Ingrid Kidd