

## NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

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### Dear praying partners of Chain of Love:

Being a housemother at Chain of Love and caring for 10 children day in and day out is not an easy job. It is very tiring and demanding and requires the love and dedication that only God can give. One of our housemothers, has decided that after four years, she needs a break so Chain of Love is saying good-bye to Jaque and Joel of house 4. Please pray for them as they adjust to life in Campo Bom with quite a few less children. In their place we have a new young couple, Graziele and Jeferson. They come with their two children, Kevin (9) and Erica (4). They are kind of in the shock phase right now but they come with many great ideas and fresh energy that the children in their house will benefit from. Pray for wisdom, endurance and joy in the incredible work that they have taken on. Jeferson is a welder and in the past he has taught welding to our boys at Chain of Love. He and Graziele have also been substitute house parents here on numerous occasions. Shortly before they moved in, Graziele was talking to her biological children about the fact that she won't be able to give them the same amount of attention that they had before. Unfazed Kevin responded, "that's OK mom, they need a mother too." We thank God for providing us with this wonderful family.



Jeferson, Graziele, Jeferson, Erica Kevin

I, Christopher, had the opportunity to take Graziele on her first monthly shopping trip for all the food needed to feed a family of 14. As we were filling up her second cart to overflowing she expressed surprise that she would need so much food and that she was sure she could get by with way less. I just smiled. A week later, and now she's a believer. "I can't believe how much food those kids eat," she told me as she was baking 20 loaves of bread for them in the Technical Center Kitchen.

In May we were so blessed to have a team from Greenfield Baptist Church lead by Jonah Beckerman come to Chain of Love. This team had an incredible amount of energy and poured themselves into the lives of the children offering them a huge variety of classes and activities, including crocheting, science and cooking. Every day they were hanging out with the children playing sports. Even on the weekend they took all the COL kids under 12 to the zoo for the afternoon. Photos from this group are available for viewing under the gallery section of our website [www.chainoflove.org](http://www.chainoflove.org) Janaina is still crocheting up a storm even though it's been over a month since they were here.



Janaina with crochet projects

**AAACHoo!** It's winter here and most folks have coughs and sniffles-no swine flu although some cases have been reported in our area. Our drivers are busy taking our Chain of Love moms and kids to the doctor and buying medications. If you can help us defray the additional medical costs this time of year brings, a gift to our general fund would be most welcome.

**If only we had brought the camera** A few days ago Ken was visiting with housemother Marli when he saw 4 kids, Lucas, Leonardo, Dienifer, and Marcia emerge from the kitchen with a huge plastic laundry tub overflowing with popcorn. The three of them went with it into the back yard and ate it all.

**When's our next meeting?** Missionary wives, Jerilyn and Ingrid are meeting with the older Chain of Love girls every second Saturday night, and the girls are loving the special attention, good questions, and sharing times that they are having. Pray for them as they continue to plan meaningful sessions and help the girls think about their futures.



At the zoo with Jerilyn, Isis, and Alice

Rev. Christopher and Ingrid Kidd

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