

# NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

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Dear praying partners of Chain of Love



**Look Ma! No Brakes!...**At Chain of Love most children have bikes but in the hands of adolescents, they are often abused and constantly modified. It's common to see children of all ages roaring down the hill on bicycles without brakes or tires; some even have broken frames. This month we are pleased to welcome Mark Kanwischer from Calgary. He is fixing broken bikes and teaching adolescents like Paulo and Luciano (photo) how to do repairs in the welding shop.

**Summer Camps...**Thanks to your gifts; we sent most COL children to the Word of Life Bible Camp. It has an active program and meets teens where they are. Do these camps have any benefit, other than lots of fun and recreational activities? Absolutely! Sara, Andressa, and Vanessa Jaqueliene informed us they want to pursue missions in their future. In addition, they committed to stay true and not be lead astray by the bad apples in their peer group. Praise the Lord! If you're interested in viewing camp photos, please visit [www.pvsul.com.br](http://www.pvsul.com.br) and click the *fotos* tab at the top.

Fabiano and Roni enjoying a messy activity at camp



**Reminder...**When sending cards or letters to sponsored children, please keep them short and age-appropriate. As much as we adult missionaries enjoy reading your yearly Christmas letters, they are not very interesting to the children and take ages to translate. Thank you for understanding.

**Back to school...**Summer is over and the house parents are eager to send the children back to school. Programs in the technical center hit full stride in early March; we added a gardening class.

**Prayer focus...**Without getting into details, some of our teens make poor choices and lead others astray. This is something we deal with regularly, but with more than half our children being adolescents, it seems more intense now. Please pray for wisdom and endurance for house parents and the rest of our staff as each situation is dealt with appropriately and in love. One of our past boys, Norli, who had difficulties at Chain of Love, now appreciates what was given to him while growing up here. He shares: *"Let's not forget what COL did for us even though we didn't value it at the time. Now we realize that if it wasn't for God and COL, we wouldn't be where we are now."*

**Opinions wanted, please...**To reduce workload and costs, an experiment: we'd like to send the newsletter every two months instead of monthly. Please send us you feedback—we're listening.

**Quarterly updates...**What would you like to see? What would you like to know about your sponsored child? We'd love to hear your ideas.

**What we did with it...**Thank you for the Christmas money! Many homes used it to take their Chain of Love family to the beach. It's the cultural norm to head to the beach for January and February, our hottest months.

Thank you once again for all your prayers and generosity.

Some boys from House 8 goofing of at the beach



Rev. Christopher & Ingrid Kidd