

NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

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Dear praying partners of Chain of Love

A time of change—Ahhhh! Summer in southern Brazil and the temperature is already over 30 °C (86 °F). With this change in seasons comes another change at Chain of Love for which we covet your prayers. It's a little complex, but here's what happened.

House parents Julio and Isabel from House 1 decided that as much as they enjoy participating in the Chain of Love ministry, being house parents is not for them. Their departure left a problem—a whole bunch of children with no parents.

Our solution: House parents Eloi and Eva of House 6 have moved into House 1, bringing their family with them. Being in a larger house means they can accommodate more children so they are now parents to Juliano Da Silva, Marlon, and Alexandre Borges as well. What happened to the others? *Isis*, *Inarai*, and *Stefano*, have moved in with Nair and Enaldir in House 8. For years, Nair has wanted some little girls to care for. Now, she is in her element (see photo). Already they are constructing a playhouse in the back yard. *Lucas* has moved to House 9 and *Tairã* into House 5.



Please pray as they adjust to their new families and situations. It is not easy for some of them, especially Lucas, Tairã, Alexandre Borges, and Marlon who have gone through many changes over the last few years. Please also pray that God will provide more substitute houseparents.

Former House 6 is now our youth home, much to the delight of *Nelson* who now has windows and tiled floors. During this time of change, *Flavio* moved into the boy's youth home and *Sara* moved into the girl's youth home.

Gifts—It's hard to believe with these warmer temperatures and watermelon season rapidly approaching, that Christmas will soon be here. If you would like to send a little something to your sponsored child at Christmas, please note these important considerations.

Keep letters short and interesting—They need to be written at a child's level. And remember: they need to be translated. As interesting as your general Christmas letters are to adults and missionaries, they really aren't interesting to the children and they take a *long* time to translate. Summary: please be brief and keep it child-relevant.

Should you send money or a gift?—Why not both? The children love receiving mail, but we know it is expensive to send large packages. Suggestion: send a small package of things that are not of great value—articles of clothing, a CD (yes, although it is not understood, English music is wildly popular here), sunglasses, school supplies, or photos. The financial gifts need to go to the NAB head office, designated for your child. For more gifting suggestions, we invite you to visit our website www.chainoflove.org/gift-guidelines/.

How we use funds received at Christmas

- We *purchase* gift certificates for clothing and shoes. The children choose exactly what they want.
- We *send* each home on a summer vacation—usually to the beach, enabling them to rent a beach house, go for pizza, and visit water parks.
- We *send* the children to a week of Bible camp in the summer. The camps are top-notch and often have a profound spiritual impact on the children.

Zoom-zoom News—We just ran our go-cart races this weekend! Check the website gallery for more exciting photos.

Regis getting ready to race



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