

NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

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Dear praying partners of Chain of Love

A family for those with no family Over the past couple of months, we have welcomed so many new children to Chain of Love, we are close to capacity. What a pleasure to introduce them to their house parents: some had no parents. Some had incapable parents; others had no family to take them. Chain of Love exists for these children, for those who had no recourse but government-run halfway houses until they reached 18. Chain of Love provides what others cannot—a family with real parents and a solid structure for those coming out of confusion, hurt, and chaos. The children you see in this letter all need sponsors. We



(L-R) Inarai, Stefano, Isis biological siblings



(L-R) Rafael, Gabriel, Amanda, Cintia, Ellen Vitor (front) biological siblings

invite you to read their stories on our website and spread the word as best you can so we can change lives together.

Dental Many children who come to Chain of Love including the ones above have never used a toothbrush, let alone seen a dentist. Just like in any family, attending to their dental hygiene is at our expense. For example, three boys in House 6 (Jonas, Giovanni, and Juliano) need orthodontal work. The reality of funding restraints are tough: *we just cannot afford treatment for them*. Here is another real need with a real face: your contributing to our general fund would be *greatly* appreciated.

Rate Change Due to inflation and the decreasing value of the US dollar, we changed our sponsorship rates, effective May 1, 2008. The new rate is \$30 CAD/USD per month or \$360 a year. Thank you for your understanding. Would you please contact Donna at the NAB office by email dkoop@nabconf.org or by telephone (630) 495-3301 to adjust your credit card/EFT payments. Thank you.

Bring on the Teams Since our last correspondence, we hosted two more teams, one from Central Baptist in Edmonton, the second from Faith Baptist in Regina. It was fantastic to see tireless young and older people interacting with our children and being such excellent role models. The teams taught sports workshops, crafts, music, and did much campus maintenance. If you'd like to experience a Chain of Love Gateway Team, we invite you to either read the team's blogs www.qteams.blogspot.com and www.Brazil2008MissionTeam.blogspot.com or contact us to see how you can be part of a hands-on ministry.



Taiara and Alexandro getting ready with their teams.

Recently at Chain of Love we initiated some healthy competitions such as kite flying and a science fair. The intent was to build teamwork in and among our different homes. Both went very well with excellent participation. With houses working together, the results were astounding. We have a nice selection of activity photos on the gallery section of our website. Do take a peek! We are so thankful for our local volunteers who made these events possible.

Family news We're happy to announce an arrival of our own. Jonathan Andrew was born August 14, 2008, in Novo Hamburgo, Brazil. There were no complications and Ingrid bounced back quickly. We're adjusting to life with *three* youngsters now . . . let's just say that the house is a *lot* noisier...but we're not complaining.

Thanks so much for your prayers and generosity. We could not address the needs of this great ministry without you.

Rev. Christopher & Ingrid Kidd

Gabriel Natan

