

NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

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Dear praying partners of Chain of Love:

What is that *horrible* noise? All the dogs in our growing neighbourhood around Chain of Love—and there are not a few—were suddenly going *crazy*. Turns out that Jonas from House 1 was the culprit—he was happily blowing a recorder out the window of our technical center, oblivious to its drastic effect on the canine population.



Jonas loves being with children

Any Rotary Club contacts out there? We are working



closely with our Rotary Club in Campo Bom on a project to replace the aging appliances in our homes. But to make the project really take off, they need Rotary Club members in different countries to promote the project in *their* clubs as well. If you or someone you know can help, we can provide all the needed information. Please let us know.

Time for change. After 13 years of working at Chain of Love, houseparents Eli and Raimundo of House 2 have moved on. We miss her smile and the smell of her baking bread. In their place is a competent young couple, Fabiana and Anderson. Fabiana, or as we call her here, Fafa, is a natural housemother; she was a substitute houseparent for many years. Please continue to pray for the House 2 children as they adjust to these changes.



Anderson, Fafa and Kaue (5yrs)

It's that time of year again, when we count on your financial gifts to the children to provide a two-week vacation with their COL family and a week at Bible camp. Thanks so much for making this possible. Please pray that we will find reasonably priced beach homes to rent.

For updates on the children, here's what we did this time:

- we asked housemothers to share one success and one challenge for each child
- we asked the children for a prayer request that will be passed on to their sponsor
- we asked the houseparents how we could pray for them.

We trust you will find this information helpful. We will soon be adding it all to our website including new photos and prayer requests from our houseparents. You will find it under the **the children** tab.

During the recent moves of houseparents at Chain of Love, it became apparent that renovations were needed for some of the older houses. After ten years, wear and tear sure adds up! Perhaps you or your church group would like to take on an older home retrofit project. A fresh coat of paint, furniture replacement/repair, appliance replacement/repair, termite control, curtains, and mattresses will make these homes look new again. The cost? About \$4000 US/CAD for each home. The houses most in need are House 4 and House 2. For other project ideas, we invite you to visit our website.

They grow up so fast. Right now, a few of our adolescents are learning responsibility and are earning a bit of money through a community-run apprenticeship program. Examples: Franciele does filing at a bank and Jessica works at a clothing store. Nilson is working in a food warehouse packaging food, Alexandre is doing stocking and inventory at another food warehouse, Luciano is checking orders in a pharmacy and Taiara is doing order entry on the computer for a shipping company.

A BIG congratulations to Isabel, our education coordinator for the past 8 years. Isabel tutors many of our children in the subjects that they are having trouble in...math is the most common. She got married last month to Fabiano who is a city bus driver and fellow lover of the beach.



Rev. Christopher and Ingrid Kidd