

NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

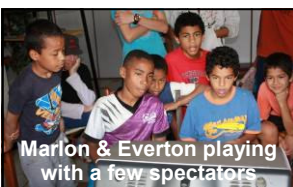
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Dear Praying Partners of Chain of Love,

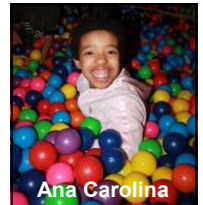


After attending baptism classes, eight of our children decided that they wanted to make their faith official by getting baptized. Sidinei, Ari, Bruna, Viviane, Vanessa, Alice, Yasmin and Lais made us very proud as they followed through with this important step. Pray for the continued spiritual growth of these wonderful kids.

We now have a new storage area for all of our donated clothing. Our previous clothing areas were small and airtight. We now have a new clothing area that will allow for good illumination and ventilation. It was quite the job, but we have all the clothes cleaned, organized and labelled. We will now be able to better identify our clothing needs and will be able to be more specific with our requests when donations are going to be made. A big thank you to Herb and Kathie Radke for helping us get everything folded, sorted and put away while they were here.



The children had the opportunity to participate in two special events recently. The first event was a video game tournament that was put on by our computer teacher and some of his friends for our teenage boys. They had a great time and one of the favourite games was World Cup Soccer, as I am sure you can imagine. After the games were finished they were served hotdogs and Coca-Cola. The other event was a day of fun at a children's play centre for all of the children twelve years old and younger. They had fun jumping in the colourful balls and playing video games, shuffleboard and many other games. They also had their faces painted and the little ones got to play some dress-up. They had lunch and then it was back to fun and games.



The moms and teenage girls experienced a very special time as they had the opportunity to hear the testimony of a missionary/church planter's wife from our state. She shared her growing up experience of poverty and abuse by an alcoholic father. By age fourteen she had left school, was addicted to alcohol and wandered around town filthy and in rags. In an attempt to walk into the river and commit suicide, she heard a clear voice coming through the doors of a church that said: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". This was the beginning of her "re-birth". Today she is the wife of a missionary, is a school teacher and has a son and daughter in the ministry. The girls listened "spellbound", as many could relate to some of her experiences. There were tears, prayers of thanksgiving, a time of commitment to the Lord, and many hugs. We are so thankful for special times such as these.

It's that time of year again when we count on your financial gifts for the children so we are able to send each child on a two week vacation to the beach with their COL family for a week at a top-notch Bible camp. Thanks so much for making this possible. This year, we are renting homes on the beach for every Chain of Love family. Please pray that we will find reasonably priced beach homes to rent. Financial gifts need to be directed to the NAB Home Office, designated for your COL child. To donate online please visit <http://www.nabconference.org/give/children-risk>.



If you would like to send a little something to your sponsored child at Christmas, please keep it 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), HotWheels, Barbies, coloring books, water colour painting books, puzzles, sunglasses, sunscreen, school supplies or photos. For more about giving gifts please visit our website: <http://www.chainoflove.org/gift-guidelines/>.

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