

NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

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Dear praying partners of Chain of Love:



Estefani (L) with Gabriela (R)

We covet your prayers as we work to assemble a Brazilian-based international board of directors for Chain of Love. Pray that the right people will be selected to ensure that Chain of Love will have a long and healthy future and stays true to its mission of rescuing abandoned and abused children such as Estefani (photo L). We want to continue giving her and all the other children a loving, caring family and an opportunity to respond to God's love. Estefani arrived less than a week ago with her sister Andriele, and has become very attached to her new COL sister Gabriela in House 4. She is settling in very well. We praise God for the progress that has been made with the formation of the board, but we still have a long way to go.

Pray also for our staff as they adjust to internal changes. We recently reorganized the Technical Center to better meet the educational needs of the children and to better utilize our space. We also hired a secretary, Andrea, to assist us with the numerous phone calls and visitors we receive daily. Praise the Lord for the many Brazilian volunteers who helped us accomplish everything in just a few days, including moving the library and craft room.



Andrea, our new secretary

Praise the Lord that we completed a healthy fiscal year despite the economic challenges in North America and the low exchange rate. We are blessed to have a volunteer economist who helps our house parents economize in their homes. It's a challenge, but we do our best to make your donations stretch as far as possible to best benefit the children. Thank You! May God continue to bless you as you bless us.

Gifts... Yes, it is that time of year again, when we count on your financial Christmas gifts so that we can give a summer vacation and a week at a top-notch Bible camp to the children. In January, the hottest month in Brazil, we send our Chain of Love families to the beach for a week's holiday, just like normal families. What a pleasant and healthy change of environment and scenery. The funds provide transportation as well as rent for a large house that accommodates a family for a whole glorious week. Some children have never had a holiday—you should see their faces light up as they prepare. Even more important than this is sending the children to Bible Camp. For many, it really impacts their lives. To view an English video on their camp, you can follow this link:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YQQG9DT3UK>

Financial gifts need to go to the NAB International Office, designated for your child. To donate online please visit <http://www.nabconference.org/give/children-risk>. If you would like to send a Christmas gift to your sponsored child, please be sure it is a small package of things that are not worth a lot—articles of clothing, towel, a CD (yes, although it is not understood, English music is wildly popular here), HotWheels, Barbies, coloring books, puzzles, sunglasses, sunscreen, school supplies or photos. For more gifting suggestions, we invite you to visit www.chainoflove.org/gift-guidelines.

Also, when sending Christmas greetings to your sponsored child, please keep them short, interesting, and written at a child's level. *And remember: they need to be translated.*

Thanks again for a fantastic year! We pray that you have a wonderful Christmas season of sharing God's love with friends and family.

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