



NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES

January/February/March 2022 Newsletter

Dear COL friends,

We would like to dedicate this newsletter to the memory of Dr. Herman Louis Effa, who passed away on January 18, 2022, after a long battle with leukemia. Herman helped conceive the dream and vision of Chain of Love, which was founded by his daughter Jerilyn Bayer and son-in-law Leonard Bayer.

In addition to being a wonderful son, brother, father, husband, grandfather, and great-grandfather, this faithful servant of God dedicated a big part of his life to serving other people who were not part of his biological family. Along with Ardath Effa, his wife, partner, and friend, he served in ministry for over 60 years. In addition to pastorates in both Canada and the US, Herman and Ardath were missionaries in Brazil for 10 years and then served another 10 years in the Missions Department of NAB during a time when new mission fields were established around the world.



Herman and Ardath Effa

After his retirement in 1996, he led 23 mission work teams to Brazil and Mexico. He continued serving COL by sponsoring children and promoting the ministry wherever he went. We praise the Lord for his life of service, integrity, and commitment to God. Please pray that the Lord will continue to comfort his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

VENEZUELAN REFUGEES

Chain of Love has taken in our first international children. These four precious children are refugees from Venezuela who came with their mother to Brazil but ended up being neglected by her. Please pray that they will know the Lord's love, understand the message of the Gospel, and give their lives to Jesus.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The school year has begun in our state and some of our children and teenagers don't have a school uniform, which is required by some of their schools. We would like all of them to have at least two sets of school uniforms. We estimate the cost will be around US\$ 3,100 or CND \$3,875. If you would like to join us in this endeavor and bless our children and teenagers, any amount is welcome. You can donate through the NAB. Please specify the purpose of your donation. May God bless you greatly for your generosity.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

In the first trimester of the year, we had the privilege of welcoming two pairs of visitors from North America. In February, our representative for the US, Robbyn Hanstad, along with Brent Bellman (a sponsor, friend, and COL promoter) came from Texas to spend time here at Chain of Love. Likewise, In March, Jerilyn Bayer (co-founder of Chain of Love, friend, and COL promoter) and Laura Hekkert (supporter, friend, and COL promoter) came from Alberta, Canada. Both two-person teams spent time with their sponsored children, gave Bible studies and devotionals,

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and helped wherever and whenever necessary.

If you would like to come to Brazil and serve at Chain of Love, please contact Robbyn Hanstad in the US (robbynhanstad@gmail.com) or Rick Dunbar in Canada (chainoflove.canada@gmail.com) for further information.



Robbyn Hanstad and the COL housemothers



Jerilyn Bayer, Nilson (former COL resident), and Laura Hekkert



Brent Bellman

NEW ARRANGEMENT OF THE HOMES

Some of our houseparents have left Chain of Love.

Francisco and Fátima left House 1, which then became the Transition House and is now looked after by Valdeci and Dirce. Israel and Fernanda left House 5 and were replaced by Jeferson and Graziele. Eliane and Aclécio left House 3 and were replaced by Rogério and Neusa. Joel and Jaqueline left Off-Campus Home 2 and were replaced by Gelson and Luzia. Here is the updated list of our homes and houseparents:

HOUSE 1 (TRANSITION HOUSE) – Valdeci and Dirce

HOUSE 2 – Andre and Catia

HOUSE 3 – Rogério and Neusa

HOUSE 4 – Enaldir and Nair

HOUSE 5 – Jeferson and Graziele

HOUSE 7 – Marco and Fabiane

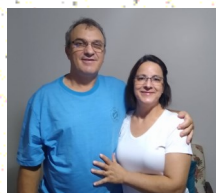
OFF-CAMPUS HOME 1 – Gilson and Marisa

OFF-CAMPUS HOME 2 – Gelson and Luzia

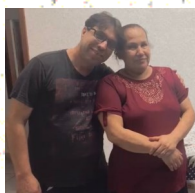
OFF-CAMPUS HOME 3 – Anderson and Clenice

OFF-CAMPUS HOME 4 – Fernando and Gabriela

House 6 is currently being renovated to welcome a new household. The former Transition House has become the guest house for visitors, especially teams that come from North America.



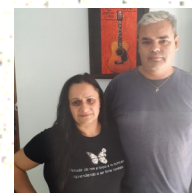
Valdeci and Dirce



Rogério and Neusa



Jeferson and Graziele



Luzia and Gelson

OUR CHRISTMAS

We would like to thank all of you who helped us give our children and teenagers a wonderful Christmas supper. Thank you also to all of you who sent either Christmas gifts or money so we could buy them their Christmas gifts. May the Lord bless all of you.

MORE PRAYER REQUESTS

- For more conversions in 2022—that our children would truly know the love of Jesus and accept Him into their hearts and lives. That we would be the hands and feet of Jesus to these precious young lives.

- That the Lord will give strength and perseverance to our houseparents so they can continue doing the great job the Lord has granted to them. It is not an easy task to look after up to 10 children and teenagers from different backgrounds, and weariness and discouragement can be a hindrance to our houseparents in this ministry.

May God bless all of you richly
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