



NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES

April/May/June 2022 Newsletter

Dear COL friends,

We are delighted to share with you some of COL's important happenings and exciting events from the past three months. We thank you for your prayers and would like to encourage you to keep on praying for this ministry so we can continue taking in all the children the Lord sends to us.

In recent years, many of the children and teenagers we've welcomed have come with a different type of profile than that of the children we provided care for in years prior. Most of the children and adolescents who come to us now were born to mothers with drug addictions and thus were exposed to drugs while in utero. Because of this, these children often experience many health issues and cognitive disabilities. We see each of our COL kids as so incredibly precious and wish to continue serving them in the best way we can, with God helping us.

CATIA'S BATTLE AGAINST CANCER

Catia (Housemother in House 2) underwent her last chemo session in May! While originally it was thought that the cancer had spread to her other breast and lymph nodes, there is wonderful news: the cancer hadn't spread! Thank God, Catia is now free from her breast cancer and is recovering well. We offer our thanks to each one of you who prayed for her and would like to encourage you to continue to lift her up in your prayers.



Catia and her husband, Andre: two champions

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS AT COL

In May and June, three teams from North America came to COL on short-term mission trips. These teams did so much to help us at Chain of Love. They organized games and sports events, gave us several sports equipment, taught at a VBS, evangelized our children and teenagers, taught handcrafts, pampered our housemothers, decided to sponsor other children, and took some of our children to pizzerias and other restaurants (some of the children had never eaten out before). They also brought important items such as toothbrushes, hair extensions (which are extremely useful for the self-esteem of some of our girls), medicine, and other medical items, and checked our children's and teenagers' eyes to fit for and provide glasses as needed.

Additionally, they evangelized outside of Chain of Love (the Texas team even organized an eye clinic at a rehab center), taught music lessons, did some painting and minor repairs, participated in baptisms and worship services, and interacted with our children, houseparents, and staff.

The housemothers felt so special for the simple fact of sharing meals with the Americans and Canadians who visited them. Two especially expressed how loved this made them feel and all had a wonderful time. And so did our children! They really value people from different countries and cultures coming here to interact with them and share God's love.



Team from Crosspoint Church



Team from Quail Lakes Baptist Church



Team from Steele Heights Baptist Church

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Our deepest thanks to Crosspoint Church (McKinney, Texas), Quail Lakes Baptist Church (Stockton, California), and Steele Heights Baptist Church (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada) for sending these teams whose heartfelt and loving attitudes were very much appreciated and truly glorified the Lord here at Chain of Love.

While the teams had hoped to also carry out a painting project, it wasn't possible because of the humidity in Southern Brazil at this time of the year. However, this was minimal as they did so many other incredible things for our children while here.

We would love to have other teams (or individuals) visit. If you are interested in visiting us, please contact Rick Dunbar (chainoflove.canada@gmail.com) in Canada or Robbyn Hanstad (robbynhanstad@gmail.com) in the US for more details. Robbyn is currently on sabbatical but will answer your questions upon her return in September. In the interim, please send emails to chainoflovehomes@gmail.com and we will answer your questions from Brazil.

BAPTISMS

Some extra special news is we had some baptisms at Chain of Love! We are so happy that some of our teenagers decided to get baptized and publicly declare their faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Additionally, the houseparents who look after our Transition House (Valdeci and Dirce) and their son Vinicius got baptized too! It was an emotional service. May their decision be an encouragement for other teenagers to decide to follow Jesus and eventually be baptized too.



One of our children and Dirce being baptized

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We are still short of about US \$1,850 or CND \$2,370 to reach our goal of purchasing school uniforms for our children. Any amount is welcome. We praise the Lord for the lives of those who have contributed or prayed for us to be able to buy school uniforms for our children.

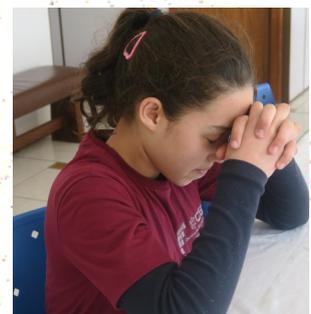
FACEBOOK ACCOUNT



Our Facebook account has been recovered! We are taking our first steps to keep it working and updated. We plan to use it as a means of communication and interaction between Chain of Love and our partners. We aim to be present on other social media soon too. Hopefully, our Facebook will be up and running in the month of July; we are excited for it to bring you lots of relevant information and prayer requests. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/chainoflovehomes>

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * For our houseparents to have perseverance and patience. (The fact that many of our children come with the significant issues mentioned above can be discouraging and overwhelming to some of our houseparents in the hard-but-noble task of serving our kids).
- * For more conversions at Chain of Love and that our kids will feel embraced by the love of God.
- * For more sponsors and supporters.
- * For wisdom, so we can make decisions according to God's will.



May God bless all of you richly,
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