



# NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES

## October/November/December 2023 Newsletter

Dear COL friends,

In this end-of-year newsletter, we are delighted to share about the wonderful activities and occurrences in our ministry over the past three months. So many fantastic things happened that benefited our children.

### OCTOBER IN THE USA

After promoting COL in Canada in the first weeks of September, the COL team continued their work in the US. Telmo, Wesley, and Robbyn promoted Chain of Love in Texas, South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, and New York. The team had the opportunity to report what is being done at COL, thank sponsors, supporters, and prayer warriors, and introduce the ministry to people and churches that knew little (or nothing) about it. After a conference in New York, Telmo and Wesley went to Eastern Texas, where they met the Allens, good friends of our ministry. This wonderful family helped them promote COL in several churches in the area. Robbyn flew to Brazil to participate in the thirtieth anniversary celebration of Chain of Love. (Telmo and Wesley flew back to Brazil some days later, and also attended the celebration).

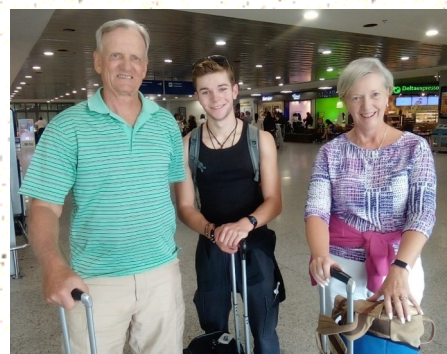


Robbyn, Telmo, and Wesley  
in Oklahoma

### TEAMS FROM THE US AND CANADA

In October, two teams came to serve at Chain of Love: a Canadian team from the Grove Church and Bethany Baptist Church (both in British Columbia) and an American team from Trinity Bible Church in Greer, South Carolina. The American team worked mainly in our spiritual base and held a special ice cream social for our children, which was very well received. They were assisted by missionary and COL representative for the United States, Robbyn Hanstad.

There were two police officers on the Canadian team, and so alongside the local police, this team had a conversation with our children about drug abuse, illicit acts, and bad company. They also mowed



The American team

lawns and painted a house, which was incredibly helpful. Both teams spent most of their time together in our guest house on our campus so they could interact with our children and houseparents. We provided translators so that the interaction could be more fruitful.

In November, we had the pleasure of a wonderful visit by Cam Roxburgh, NAB Vice-President of Missional Initiatives! If you wish to use your gifts and talents and serve at Chain of Love (by yourself or with your spouse, family, or a team), please contact Robbyn Hanstad ([robbynhanstad@gmail.com](mailto:robbynhanstad@gmail.com)) if you live in the US or Rick and Jean Dunbar

([chainoflove.canada@gmail.com](mailto:chainoflove.canada@gmail.com)) if you live in Canada for more information. It would be a pleasure and honor to have you



The Canadian team

here.

### 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CHAIN OF LOVE

In October, we celebrated our thirtieth anniversary. We expressed our gratitude and thankfulness to the Lord, who has supported us for over thirty years and been so gracious and good to us! He has given us this vast and rewarding task to look after broken children and teenagers. It is an enormous responsibility, and we recognize the role of our supporters,



Howard Lennick and Lyndell

sponsors, and prayer warriors. This journey would be way more difficult without your help.

At the celebration, Howard Lennick (from the American team) spoke on behalf of all of those who help our children, even from North America (either by prayers or financially). Pastor Stefano Piva, from the Canadian team, preached about thankfulness and broached several other issues, including reminding us of the joy that comes from the Lord. Part of the event was translated into

English by our dear friend, NAB missionary Lyndell Campbell Réquia. It was live streamed and can be watched at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46N1uDx5WwA>



Pastor Stefano Piva and Lyndell

### PARAÍSO DAS ÁGUAS WATERPARK

December is the beginning of summer in the Southern Hemisphere. With temperatures almost reaching the 40s C/ 100s F in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, where Chain of Love is located, we took our children, teenagers, house-parents, staff, and the staff's families to Paraíso das Águas (Water Paradise, in English) waterpark in the city of Taquara. This was possible because of help from our local community.

Everybody enjoyed the atmosphere of fellowship, happiness, love, and togetherness on a blessed, hot, sunny day. Thank you, Lord!



### THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who sent funds so we can send our children to summer Bible camp next January and February. Even though the gospel is preached at Chain of Love, camp plays an important role in the decision to follow Jesus. Our children and teenagers are in contact with other Christian children and teenagers who treat them with love and respect, helping them realize that love is not only at Chain of Love. There are genuine Christians everywhere, and their lives are not only a good testimony but also an invitation for our children and teenagers to have an encounter with Jesus. Investing in sending children to Bible camp is missionary work that may have an impact for eternity.

Thank you to all of you who provided funds so our children and teenagers could have a delicious and decent Christmas supper and gifts. They really feel loved and cared for.



To wrap up, we would like to thank everyone who—one way or another—supported this ministry in 2023: teams on short-term mission trips, prayer warriors, sponsors, supporters, hosts in North America...you name it! We pray that the Lord will continue to bless each of you and your families in 2024 and that the Lord may continue to bless this ministry. May the Lord be glorified in all our acts!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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