



# NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES

## July/August/September 2024 Newsletter

Dear Chain of Love friends,

As we near the end of 2024, we have many things to share with you about the events that occurred at COL in Southern Brazil over the last three months (July, August, and September). We see you as partners in the Lord's work and a vital part of this ministry, so we feel it is essential to keep you informed.

### We have a new chaplain!



On August 31, a delightful celebration was held at COL to introduce Pastor Moisés de Menezes as our new chaplain. He is a kind-hearted man, and we are incredibly excited to welcome him to this position, where he will be in charge of our spiritual base. He will lead Bible studies, devotionals, and worship services.

The COL ministry is dear to both him and his family; not only was Pastor Moises one of our drivers previously, but his wife Ivelise (with whom he has two children) has been with us for eighteen years, first as a social worker and now in the coordinator role.

In 2022, Pastor Moises finished the course on pastoral formation at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Rio Grande do Sul. Our great friend, NAB missionary Lyndell Campbell Réquia, coordinated this course. For two months, Moisés was trained by our dear friend Joseph Allen, who came all the way from Texas to help Moisés on his first steps of this wonderful journey. We praise the Lord for their lives and ministries!

### Our special visitors

We had the privilege of welcoming three American teams during the past three months. They were from West Center Baptist Church in Madison, South Dakota; Hope Community Baptist Church, in Sterling Heights Michigan; and Hillside Baptist Church in Dickinson, North Dakota. As the North Dakota family team is still at COL and hasn't finished their time here, we will talk more about how



The South Dakota team

they enormously blessed us in our next newsletter.



The Michigan team

As for the Michigan and South Dakota teams, both did an excellent job here. They used conversations and handicrafts to talk about Jesus to our children and led devotionals for our staff and houseparents. They also provided specific activities for couples, men, women, boys, and girls. The Michigan team also organized a VBS that connected our children to the Olympics.

We thank these two teams for coming here and thank all of those who made their mission trips possible. God bless all of them.

If you, your family, friends, church, or church group would like to serve at COL on a short-term mission trip, please contact us at [robbyhanstad@gmail.com](mailto:robbyhanstad@gmail.com) (if you live in the US) or [chainoflovecanada@gmail.com](mailto:chainoflovecanada@gmail.com) (if you live in Canada). We will provide you with the information

you need. Visas are not required until April 2025.

### **Robbyn Hanstad at COL**

One of the special visitors we had was our COL missionary, Robbyn Hanstad. Besides doing what she usually does when she is here (and she does a lot!), she had some extras on her plate. Robbyn visited and encouraged three COL housemothers and one house assistant after the losses they suffered due to the flood we had in May. The mission supporting her (5 Across Missions) raised funds to help replace all that was lost in their homes and repair their houses so they could continue to work with the children at COL. As we cared for them and their families, we were also caring for the COL kids in their care. This is the vision of Robbyn's role as COL missionary. By standing beside our staff, children, and houseparents in many different ways, they are encouraged and cared for physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Resultingly, their faith grows.



Robbyn and Luzia.(one of the housemothers she visited)

### **Update on the new van purchase**

Some of you may wonder about our van. The plan is to sell our old van and one of our cars and use that money as part of the amount to buy the new van. Unfortunately, we haven't yet been able to sell either, and thus have not been able to purchase a new van. The rest of the needed amount for buying the new van will come from donations from North America and our own funds. We praise the Lord for the lives of all the people and churches that have contributed so far. We will hopefully have great news about our van in our next newsletter.

### **Promoting COL in Canada**

From October 12 to November 4, Telmo Camargo (COL Executive Director) and Jaques Ribeiro (COL International Communications) will be promoting Chain of Love in Canada. In the Great White North, they will have the privilege of giving more details, information, and updates to our supporters and providing accountability for our ministry. This time, they will visit churches, families, friends, and individuals, and participate in conferences in British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba. It will surely be a blessed time there, as usual.

### **Christmas gifts/Bible camp**

For those who would like to bless our children at Christmastime, we have two options (but please, don't feel obliged to do so). You can send us funds for either Christmas gifts or for us to take our children to Bible camps (summer starts in December in Brazil). Bible camps are something they long for, and many have an encounter with Jesus there. The registration fee varies between the equivalent of \$78 USD (or \$100 CND) and \$170 USD (or \$230 CND) depending on the children's ages. Please consider either of these options. Whatever your decision is, you will be blessing our children and teenagers.

### **Prayer requests**

- For our new chaplain, that the Lord will give him wisdom, good health, protection, and guidance in his new role.
- For us to sell two of our vehicles in order to have the financial ability to buy the new van.
- That Telmo and Jaques will safely make it to Canada for the promotions trip. For protection, wisdom, and good fruit. For their families that will stay behind in Brazil.
- For more conversions at Chain of Love, especially because many new children have arrived.

Thank you so much for being part of this ministry.  
God bless all of you richly.

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