

CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

Dear praying partners of Chain of Love:

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"I have Jesus in my heart now so I don't need to be afraid of the dark." This is the testimony of Marlon, who had powerful reasons to fear the dark. Previous to coming to Chain of Love, he was involved with his entire family—including his grandmother—in dealing drugs. He was frightened when he came to Chain of Love; particularly that people would come with guns after dark. Marlene, his housemother, led him to the Lord one night when he was afraid.

"It's so hard to submit to God's will. I keep wanting to be in charge of my life. It is a struggle for me." This is the testimony of 13-year-old Carina, who continues to wrestle with and mature in her faith.

"I had never heard anything about Jesus before I came to Chain of Love but now I understand He loves me and watches over me, and that I belong to Him." Lucas: who accepted Christ at church.

These, as well as ten other Chain of Love children who were recently baptized, came to Christ in different ways. For some, it was at summer camp; for others, with a house parent or at Sunday school. *Please pray that we can provide numerous opportunities for Chain of Love children to come to Christ, since each one is so different.*

How do we get the 85+ COL kids to Sunday school so they can learn about God? We used an old city bus, but due to major engine problems, we retired it and purchased another one. The newer bus (1998) was still in service with a bus company and is in good running order. We expect many years out of it. The cost of this unit after the trade in was \$18 000 USD, so if you would like to contribute to this added ministry expense, please mention the word *bus* on your donation. Any help is appreciated. Thank you!

Last week we received another precious little girl at Chain of Love and expect two new boys soon. Eleven-year-old Cintia's (Cynthia), three sisters were already in our homes and they really looked forward to being together again. The girls have had a rough life: a father in the criminal psych ward; a mother who lost parental rights because she was always drunk and involved in prostitution and drugs. Despite coming to COL several months after her sisters, Cintia was right at home as soon as she arrived. The four sisters will be kept together where Joel and Jaqueline are house parents. This loving couple has two boys of their own—one in elementary school, the other in high school—in addition to their now 10 Chain of Love kids. Joel is a phone technician with a public company.



Joel & Jaqueline



Cintia

The new COL home is looking really good; with the interior completed, the anticipated move date is mid to late June. Rain has slowed down landscaping and completion of the exterior. We trust you enjoy the pictures!



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