

NEWS FROM CHAIN OF LOVE HOMES, BRAZIL

Dear praying partners of Chain of Love

September, 2007

In late July, Chain of Love welcomed Miquela, 11, and her 12-year-old sister, Kateana. They've only been here a month and have already joined the family of God.

Miquela, who prefers her second name, Gabriela, and her sister Kateana (Kate), have two older brothers who are in a government boy's home. Their father died some time ago and the mother remarried. From the second union was born a younger sister; but after their mother died of AIDS in 2006, the stepfather would have nothing to do with children not his own. He kept the little girl and a neighbor took in the four older children but just couldn't care for them. So we oriented her to go through social services to bring the girls to COL.

Both sisters are in grade four but were not in school this year prior to coming to COL. They are active and love sports, especially lively games of street soccer, which abound here. Both girls have been placed in our third home with house parents José and Alzira.

Experience tells us girls in this age group are the most difficult for our ministry to reach. But almost immediately after coming to COL and their instant immersion in church and COL activities, both girls made decisions for Christ and expressed a desire to be baptized with Jerilyn's baptism class. *Pray that these precious young ladies will grow in their faith as they continue learning at COL.*

In addition to these young ladies, eight others prayed to receive Christ at Good News Baptist Church last Sunday (Aug. 26). Of the eight, we were so pleased to see that four of them—Cintia, Vanessa Jaqueline, and Ramon—are from Chain of Love. Samuel, the ten-year-old son of house parents Joel and Jaqueline, also became a Christian and feels called to be a missionary. Praise the Lord that despite all manner of opposition, their Sunday school teacher, Wilma, made it to church that Sunday.

Free shoes in the tech center! When they heard the news, the house mothers made a beeline for the spontaneous shoe bazaar in the tech center when some local businesses donated boxes and boxes of new shoes to COL. What we can't use is distributed to poor communities in the name of Jesus. With over 200 feet on campus, new shoes are *always* welcome!

We have Internet! Sounds too good to be true, but our office has a reliable and speedy Internet connection. Now when you communicate with us via email, you can expect a prompt response. Thanks for your patience while we sorted this out. Next on the list? Completion of the COL website, now being redeveloped.



Kateana



Miquela



COL housemothers Marlene, Marli, and Romilda looking over the donated shoes

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