



Partners in the construction of a dream.

Children of Bethlehem Association (CoB) is fighting AIDS here in Brazil for thirteen years. Children, teenagers and their families have been assisted on their needs through CoB ministry.

One of the projects we have in our program is called “Love that Comes from Prevention” which aims to improve life even before the baby is born. Working in partnership with the SDT/AIDS County Clinic that refer to us all the pregnant women who during prenatal care are diagnosed to be HIV positive those moms-to-be are encouraged emotionally and spiritually to follow the treatment rigorously. Our team of social workers walks along side with each of them making them understand the importance of taking the medicine and food made available to them for free, providing transportation to all schedule doctor visits and also giving to each baby a complete set of baby clothes and essentials.

After the birth the child starts to attend CoB’s program. Our nursery has a team of qualified professionals that give those babies the loving care they need toward a healthy growth process. As they grow older they are immediately enrolled in our educational project called “Alliance School”, which is a Pre-K to 8th grade school that serves our school age kids for free. In a healthy Christian environment our kids receive education, orientation and help to overcome possible traumas caused by HIV/AIDS. Private enrollments are welcomed and we do have fifteen percent of all students coming from families that can pay a monthly fee in order for their kids to get the good quality education Alliance School is known for.

CoB’s program goes far and beyond caring for the kids, we also work with all the family members helping them through our job training and income generation projects. In spite all the difficulties they have, being able to get a decent job and to raise the family income level works directly to boost self-esteem and quality of life.



All that is made possible because of collaboration and support from families, churches, business and government agencies. From those partners come financial resources, food, school supplies and many volunteers offer part of their time to make sure our children and their families get care and compassionate attention for their full development toward a long and healthy life.

Carlos Más
CoB’s Executive Director



Partnerships are strategic

Since last year when I started my work at Children of Bethlehem Association (CoB) as Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships I am convinced that teamwork is crucial in order to reach the goals established to assist those in need and to create opportunities for social and spiritual growth for the families victimized by the AIDS and HIV virus.

Working with teams and partners multiply our efforts and amplify largely the reach of them. The same way in this ministry we are often surprised by obstacles and challenges that require from us urgent and sacrificial measures to overcome them, the presence of partners and fellow team-members also impress us and leave astonished and full of joy for the limitless potential for support those partnerships always offer us.

CoB has been blessed along the years through the establishment of several partnerships with governmental, Christian and private organizations. We are thankful for all those alliances that have made possible improving the life of children, youth and adults whose lives were fragilized by the disease associated with poverty and lack of social infrastructure.

My role at CoB is to give the necessary support to Pastor Carlos Más and his team on the coordination of strategic partnerships mainly the international ones. Our goal is not only to improve the relationship with the international partners we already have, but also to start new partnerships like the one we are implementing with Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey by which we are going to host a seminary student for her eight months required internship (more on that on our next month newsletter).

Many are our goals for those partnerships. They may help us to increase the resources we need to run our budget as well as they can make it possible for us to share with similar programs in Africa our well succeeded methodology in our programs for treatment and accompaniment of victims of AIDS. We are already taking steps towards that, last march I went to Mozambique to teach a graduate course in Christian Leadership and I made contact with Mrs. Stella de Souza Pinto, the Head of Poverty Reduction and HIV and AIDS Unit (shown in the picture with me) to offer them help on the areas which we have experience to share.

We know there is a lot to do, therefore we would like to offer the opportunity for new partners to come along side so together we can reach God's goals for us all. Please, feel free to contact us for more information on partnerships.

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Be Our Partner In Prayer

"I just stood there listening to my wife repeating all she had hear on the phone. The father of one of our children from CoB, Mr Roberto, had just called. He is one of the most dedicated parent we have. His wife died of AIDS a few years ago and he alone takes of his family. He has an 11 year old son Alberto, who has been a part of CoB since he was months old. Mr. Roberto works at a valet parking in a hospital in Sorocaba. He isn't registered as a worker there and gets paid very little. That morning he had called to ask if Alberto could be allowed to have his lunch at CoB since for days now they had nothing to eat. We were in disturbed by the news and immediately Alberto was given permission to have his lunch at CoB. We prepared a basket filled with core foods for Mr. Roberto and his family. A social worker is going to visit their house and assess their needs so that we may help him as soon as possible."

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Pray with us for the following:

- Mr. Roberto, his son Alberto and all the kids that still go hungry and live in poverty in our city and other places around the globe.
- Marcio- A 12 year old boy, in 7th grade. He has been with CoB since the first few months of his life. In the last month his doctor changed his medication and he is not adapting well to the new "cocktail". Please pray that he gets better and that his new medication continues to achieve the expected effect.
- Mariana- A 12 year old girl, in the 7th grade. In the last few months she has caught pneumonia twice. In July she was hospitalized for showing respiratory difficulties. The house in which she lives with her family isn't in good condition, they need much help. In spite of her medical and financial problems Mariana is a sweet and happy girl. Pray that she feels well through the remains of winter.
- Aliance School: a rise in the number of private students.
- Projects and Partners: Human resources and material for projects that are currently running and future projects.

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