

# Miriam Children's Home

## Changing the Future of Brazil

Jonni Sliver May 2025



### The New and the Old

Big spring hugs from ... somewhere in the Upper Midwest! I am home on furlough and have already been blessed by the loving hospitality of our AFLC family. But though my feet are firmly planted in the States, the internet lets me keep up on the coming and goings of the Miriam Home, so we can all continue praying for our precious kiddos and the precious ladies who are caring for them!

We have some new little ones for you to love! **Maria Alice (2)** is the younger sister of several children who have passed through the Miriam Home - of them who were raised by their mother, all were passed on to relatives or new families. This delicate little girl has been learning what security and care mean and we are so glad to see her blossoming.



The next new arrival is our youngest to date. **Leon** is one month old. He



officially became part of the Miriam Home on the day he was born, because the court ordered him to be removed from his mother while she was still pregnant. His mother continued to use drugs all during her pregnancy, and refused to enter treatment after she delivered Leon. For

that reason he spent a whole month in the hospital, because though he was full term his lungs were not well developed. Leon arrived in the Miriam Home a week and a half ago, and is a fragile little boy. We are very excited to be part of his growing in strength and grace! If you are counting, that means

that we have three babies three months old and younger!

The final new arrival is **Mayron**, a precious **2 year old boy**. Though he arrived a little timid, he has settled in well and has made best buds with our other 2 year olds (we call them the big babies).



### Saying Good-bye

On the flip side of the coin, we have to say good-bye to some precious kiddos. To begin with, we have two sets of siblings who returned to their families this month!

**Moises (9) and Maisa (7)** have been with us for 6 months, and it has been wonderful to see them grow! They left to live with their father, and to be honest, they were a pretty nervous, because they haven't spent a lot of time with him. We were able to get to know him and his new wife and we are very hopeful that this will be a good fit.



Please pray for godly bonds to knit this family together and that both children will grow in the truths they learned in the Miriam Home, and that they will be a positive influence in their family (Moises and I talked a lot about him being a missionary to his family!).

**Jasmyne (9) Davi (4) and Alyffer (6 months)** were not with us as long, just over a month, but they surely found their way in to our hearts! They came because of their mother's addiction, and she has entered an evangelical recuperation program. It is early days, but according to the leadership, the first signs are very positive.



This last week Alyffer went to stay with his mother in the recuperation program (this is a common practice in Brazil) while Jasmyne and Davi went to their grandmother.

The last child to leave is Thayla (14). For those of you who keep up on the Miriam Home, her name is familiar - she has been a part of our family since she was 9 years old. She came to us after her mother committed suicide and her aunt decided she didn't have conditions to care for her. From the beginning she had many behavioral issues. She left us to live with her grandmother (twice) another aunt and an adoptive family, and each time she came back to the Miriam Home. In 2024 her violent attacks on other children both in the Miriam Home and her school led the judge to decide that it would be better for her to be transferred to a children's home in another city, where she didn't know everyone and feel she has the upper hand. That lasted less than a month—they had Thayla hospitalized in a psychiatric unit, where she stayed for two months. Minors are not allowed to be held long term in a psychiatric unit, but the shelter refused to let her return soooooo, she came back to the Miriam Home. She returned more subdued and it took a couple of months for her aggressive behavior to return, but when it did it was

at an even higher level than before - both in school and the Home. In one week we found two improvised knives in her school back pack, and then, after not being given something she wanted, she physically attacked two of the house moms, to the degree that one had to be taken to the hospital. Police had to be called, Thayla was detained and the judge decided that she needed to go in to juvenile detention - the only problem was, the girls detention center is full and she is on a waiting list. In the mean time she was sent to a shelter for older teens.



There is one hope for Thayla! God has good plans for her life and is able to transform her! The problem is, up to this point she has refused to allow her to move in her life. She has taken some steps closer to Him and then retreated into all her old ways. Please pray that Thayla will allow God to move in her life!!!

## See You Soon

I am looking forward to visits with many of you, while I am home on furlough! Now in May I will be in Brainerd, Eagan and Minneapolis as well as Buxton, ND!

Bless you all!

## Contact Information

To receive monthly newsletters and prayer requests:

AFLC World Missions Attn: Jonni Sliver  
3110 Medicine Lake Blvd  
Plymouth, Mn, 55441  
87300-970

Address in Brazil:

Jonni Lynn Sliver  
CP 641  
Campo Mourao, PR Brazil

jonni.sliver@aflc.org



**To make a financial contribution:** Make checks payable to AFLC World Missions and enclose a note that it is for the support of Jonni Sliver; send to the above address. Or give on line at [www.aflcworldmissions.org/online-giving/missionaries-donate](http://www.aflcworldmissions.org/online-giving/missionaries-donate)