

# Obrigado!

**From all the children at House of Ants.  
Your donations are having direct and positive results.**

Dear Sponsors.

In April we had a difficult time in our family, with the death of my mother. We praise God for her life and for the comfort God has given us in these difficult times.

I'm writing to share some news from the Casa das Formigas (House of Ants), during the first half of 2025. Our activities with the children have run well and we have witnessed God's care for us all. As you know, we started the year in a tense climate politically due to the demonstrations and disputes over last year's election results, but thank God the country is calmer, despite the negative impacts, such as the exaggerated increase in the prices of basic necessities.

Our children, teenagers and young people are doing well, they take part in the activities and programs at the Casa das Formigas, and this year in particular we've had the joy of seeing some of them at church the services and celebrations, which has been a joy to serve God with them.

To keep you all up to date with the refurbishment needs and painting of Casa das Formigas, we still have a lot to do, it's a little bit at a time. Last year we took an important step with the internal painting and refurbishment of the bedrooms and dining room in the boys' residence.

I'd like to take this opportunity to share some of the circumstances of children cared for by Casa das Formigas. As you know, this ministry is aimed at children in vulnerable situations, and our role is to be a response to their needs, which God has allowed us to do.

## 1 **Tinércia Ernestina Matsimbe 6 years old**

Tinércia joined Casa das Formigas this year, she lives with her grandmother, her parents are separated, and neither of them provide any assistance for their the child. She lives with her grandmother, who is an elderly woman who depends on collecting solid waste for recycling and thus supports herself and her granddaughter with great difficulty.



## 2. **Aylan Xavier, 6 years old,**

Aylan's parents are separated and he lives with his paternal grandmother and his father. They go through a lot of difficulties. The child suffers from a rare disease that causes urinary incontinence, in fact he has no sensation of urine passing. The grandmother told us that Aylan has already undergone surgery to correct that condition, but unfortunately he still has the same problem. He's in 1st grade, and in addition to tutoring at Casa das Formigas, he attends a Bible class for children.

3. **Juvêncio Artur Manjate 9 years old**

This boy joined the Casa das Formigas at the beginning of this year. His parents are separated and his father has another family; Juvencio suffers from asthma and lives with his paternal grandmother. He's in 4th grade, takes part in tutoring classes at Casa das Formigas, he likes to draw and paint and the children's Bible class too.



Thank you for your continued prayers and support for all that is done here at Casa das Formigas. Please continue to pray for these very needy children. Their needs are great, and we have a great God who knows their needs, and is able to provide in great ways. We are no good without our Saviour. But we are thankful for all of you, who God uses to touch these children's lives.

Below are some of the needs of Casa das Formigas (House of Ants).

**Prayer requests**

1. Pray for the Church - for spiritual and numerical growth;
2. For the Casa das Formigas - for activities with children, teenagers and young people;
3. For the co-workers and volunteers at the CDF
4. For the physical and spiritual health of the children;
5. For the painting project - continuity;
6. For children to be saved.

Pastor Simione Mate  
Casa das Formigas

*Rev. ch 3 v8 "...See, I have placed before you and open door that no one can shut"*

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