

# Rising Star

## Morning Star Child Reach Ministries News Bulletin

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### What Does "Full" Mean...? Four

years ago this week Morning Star Children's Home

took in its first case, a sweet 4 year old that is now living in Italy with her adoptive parents. At that time we had one house, one set of house parents and just a few beds available. Since then the home has grown to include 2 houses, two sets of house parents as well as support staff. Beds get moved around, taken apart, put back together depending on the way the children are distributed upon arrival. Since opening there have been 27 children housed at Morning Star, from as short a period as overnight to as long as 2 years. Some go back to their biological families; some get adopted by new families.



Guidelines are established to assist in the decision that is made each time a new case presents itself for admission. However the subjective nature of each case does unavoidably influence the choice that is made to admit a child and although the maximum capacity has been reached it seems the Lord stretches us just a little further. Morning Star has been "full" for a long time, however when the family court called and requested that 5 year old Claudia be able to spend the weekend, a spot was located in House #2 and by the time

the holiday weekend was over it was clear she belonged at Morning Star for now. She brought the children's home population to 15.



The outskirts of most Peruvian cities are mark by piles of garbage and Chiclayo is no exception. A lady standing in her doorway noticed a motorized tricycle that provides taxi service passing slowly by one of these garbage dumps, then stopping. In the back seat was a young couple each holding a baby. The young man got out, put the baby he was carrying onto the garbage heap and hopping back on the cycle, sped away. The lady witnessing the scene quickly approached the baby as she called the police on her cell phone. The baby boy was no more that 24 hrs old, he was born the same day Claudia arrived at Morningstar. Just two days ago the judge in charge of the little boy's case called to say the baby was ready to be discharged from the hospital and could we take him in while the case is under investigation. Again....Morningstar has been "full" for a long time....but really!!!! Turn away a child whose own parents have literally thrown him away?? That's not a difficult decision...it seems there will always be room for one more. Pray with us that the Lord would provide more house, more house parents and more of these precious children will be able to be ministered to.

