

# Rising Star

*News of some of the Lord's work in Northern Peru*

In Latin societies, a girl's fifteenth birthday is a special event, most commonly known as the "Quinceañera", a sort of rite of passage into womanhood. Maria Jose has been at Morning Star since February of 2019 and with her father on the run from the law, and her mother serving time in prison, being surrounded by her Morning Star family made it a special day for her. A few aunts and uncles were able to attend as well as her older brother and she was thrilled with the whole affair. While with us she has responded to the Lord's love, accepted Him as her Savior, has been baptized and is growing in grace.



We continue to receive calls from various authorities around northern Peru looking for placements for children in their custody and since we've been full for some time now we are very happy that the Lord has provided the funds needed for the remodeling of two classrooms into what will be our third house. The work is coming along quickly. All of the structural modifications have been accomplished, the addition of two showers, adding a laundry area, new tile flooring and the plumbing and toe jam in the kitchen is ready and awaiting the arrival of the kitchen cabinets which have been ordered. All major appliances have been purchased and are ready to install. We have been in touch with an older single Christian lady



who worked with us here at Morning Star a decade ago and seeking the Lord's wisdom regarding bringing her back on staff in the near future to begin training in preparation for opening House #3 in the new year. Please continue to pray for proper staffing needs not only for caregivers but also in the areas of administration and education as Peru has yet to figure out whether "in person" classes will be held in 2022 or if we'll have to continue staffing our own classrooms.

Belen came to Morning Star in July of 2018 from another children's home joining her younger brother Antonio who had been with us for a year. Both parents have been deceased for quite some time and her extended family is incapable of assisting in any way. She came to know the Lord at Morning Star and has exhibited much spiritual growth. November 2<sup>nd</sup> she turns 18 and we are so thankful that the Lord touched the hearts of Luis & Crystal Carrillo who are very active in the ministry here, to take her into their home and adopt her. They have also begun the adoption process for Antonio and Lord willing that process will be completed in the near future.



Thank you so much for your prayers!!!

*The Staff at Morningstar*