



## Morning Star Child Reach Ministries News Bulletin

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Ground Breaking

New Classrooms for 2010

After much prayer and anticipation, preparations began November 30<sup>th</sup> to pour the slab for the two new classrooms for Strong Tower. Lord willing they will house 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. There are about a dozen individuals from various parts of the U.S. that will be coming to Peru in January to build the classrooms using steel studding and drywall. Classes begin the first week of March, and there will be plenty to do beside studding and drywall work.

Painting, cleaning, building desks, as well as preparing the educational materials will require many hands on deck, so if you have any openings in your schedule and would like to take part in this project feel free to contact us at [info@morningstarperu.org](mailto:info@morningstarperu.org) and we'll be more than glad to help you with the travel arrangements. Please continue to pray the Lord will provide the workers and resources to finish this project on time. Registrations for next year open this Friday, scholarships will be offered to the families most in need as funding is made available. Anyone interested in sponsoring students for the 2010 school year (year tuition costs \$250) can forward the funds through either of the channels specified at: <http://www.morningstarperu.org/financialsupport.html>



### Abigail Goes Home

It was a very difficult day for all of us but especially for Alberto and Rosa, the house parents in House #1, this was the first "good-bye" they experienced since being at Morning Star. The judge's decision was to return Abigail to her parents after DNA testing confirmed paternity. Just today her parents brought her back to Star for a visit, and knowing she is well and being cared for lovingly by her parents brings much joy.



## Newcomers at Star

Since Abigail's departure we've had two new intakes at Morning Star. First was Daisy; she is from the mountains just east of us but had been brought by her parents to live with a non-related family here in Ferreñafe. A teacher at her elementary school suspected there was some form of abuse going on and after initial investigations were completed the DA ordered her removed from the home and brought to Star. The investigation is ongoing and we're not at liberty to discuss the details, but we can tell you that Daisy is a precious and sweet 9 year old girl who has

adapted very quickly to House #2, where she is under Bob & Janet's loving care.

Just yesterday Luis arrived as well. Neglected by his parents in his home town of Huancayo in the central mountains of Peru, he was alone much of the time living in the streets. A strange man befriended him and convinced him to travel with him to Tumbes on the northern coast. There he lived with this man and his sister, where he learned that this man was a sexual predator and at whose hands he suffered molestation. This was discovered by a health care worker at a local hospital who immediately reported her suspicions to the police. The judge handling his case is the same one that requested we take in Kevin, Olenka and Cesia. There are no childcare facilities in that northern part of the country and so once again he turned to us for housing. There's a lot to investigate in this case, including trying to track down any family Luis might have in the mountains who may simply not know where he is. Please pray he will adjust well to House # 1, where he shares the bedroom with Segundo and Kevin who are also 9 years old.



Last week Tom travelled to Tumbes to teach at the assembly in Puerto Pizarro and took advantage of the trip to carry out a home study related to Kevin, Olenka, and Cesia's case. Their mother has petitioned the court they be returned to her and Tom had the opportunity to present his findings at a hearing before the judge. There will likely be a waiting period involved to see if the mother can maintain her current living conditions, but even in the best of circumstances the likely scenario will be for the mother to regain supervised custody of only one of the children at a time so that her capacity for parenting and support can be evaluated. While there Tom also met with city officials and accepted their invitation to return December 11<sup>th</sup> to teach a parenting seminar at City Hall

for about 120 parents that are involved in the various social care programs run by the city. Thank the Lord for the freedom he's been given to introduce the gospel as the foundation for good parenting.

As for some of the other cases we have ongoing, both Jenny and Maria's parents have had their parental rights terminated which will result in both of them becoming available for adoption in the near future. We are very thankful that the Lord's sovereign hand guides the future of each of these precious children and that we have the opportunity to share with them both God's love and His Word.

**Thank you so much for your prayers and support of this ministry.**