

Rising Star

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



Claudio celebrated his 4th birthday in September and he has been at Morning Star for over 3 years. For any child to be viable for adoption there is a long legal process that must conclude in the decision to terminate the parental rights and be declared “wards of the



State” For that to happen, each step of the legal process must include serving the parents with copies of the courts rulings along the way.

Claudio’s parents belong to a native tribe

(AWAJUN) that live in the jungle in an area governed by local tribal chiefs who because of constant social struggles with the Peruvian government forbid the entry into the area on the part of “outsiders”, this apparently applies especially to legal “process servers” who are simple public servants not inclined to making any extra efforts and so will sit on notifications that require entering the reservation. So months go by and the court in Chiclayo justifiably waits.....and waits.....not willing to move the case forward as long as they have someone else to blame for the delay. The final ruling was sent to the jungle 6 months ago and with the rainy season on the way when the river would be unnavigable for another 4-5 months the window to make it happen this year was closing. On Monday the 8th Tom hopped in our trusty 4x4 pickup and headed over the continental divide to the department of Amazonas (the epicenter of this past weekend’s 7.5 earthquake which rendered the roads in that area impassable) and by Tuesday morning arrived at the courthouse in Chiriaco where the process server was based. After a couple of hours of cordial conversation it became clear that he was not going to get on a boat and go downriver to the tribal village. This led to the Lord’s intervention in lining up a series of contacts with the right people at the right time.....a tribal lady known and respected amongst the river communities who was willing to do the job, a boat owner willing to undertake the long trip downriver and back again the same day, and the lady discovering upon arriving at the village that both parents still lived there and although they where not together anymore, she was able to trek through the jungle to their individual plots of farmland, convince them to return to the village and talk them into signing the forms required, overcoming their resistance to sign fostered by comon misconceptions due to their general ignorance of legal proceedings. Once the boat returned to port where Tom had spent the day waiting and picking up some of the local AWAJUN culture, they managed to arrive back at the courthouse just before closing where the judge’s secretary completed the paperwork for transfer to the court in Chiclayo. Just before sundown Tom began the trip back, some of the road creating gratitude to the inventors of 4 wheel drive, some bewilderment that there are people who seek out those driving conditions just for fun, but most of all rejoicing in the Lord’s providence that now Claudio will in short order be placed in the national adoption registry and should soon meet the new forever family the Lord has in store for him! This is not the first time we had to do an “end run” around the clumsy legal system, and we’re sure it won’t be that last but with the Lord’s help and in His time, things get DONE!



On November 12th we celebrated Estrella's 11th birthday. She has only been at Morning Star for 6 months but has made significant progress. Due to parental neglect she is only in second grade and struggles academically but she is responding well to a lot of love and patience and is soaking up lots of attention she was deprived of previously.

We chose that day to have an outing with all the children to the nearby ancient ruins of the Pre-Inca civilization in Tucume, where world renown antropologist Thor Hierdahl discovered 27 pyramids and which has grown into an impressive site. The children all enjoyed exploring the grounds and listening to the tour guides provided by the on site museum. It was also a departure party for our volunteer Clayde who for 8 months tirelessly devoted her time and energy to tutoring many of our children one on one each day and was able to achieve significant improvement with each one.



We are very thankful to the Lord for His provision as we move forward with the finishing touches on House #3. All that is left is the painting of the interior and moving the furniture out of storage and setting it up. The lady that we contacted who had previously worked here declined the position so we have begun the interview process with two Christian women



here in town who have applied. They are relatives of some of our current staff and we ask the you pray for wisdom and clear guidance from the Lord regarding His will in who should be added to the team.

December is always a BUSY month, it's the end of the school year in a currently chaotic educational system due to COVID, several staff have to be given vacation time and of course all the children are excited about Christmas since both houses have their Christmas trees up and Carol is in the process of acquiring and wrapping presents for each of them. We currently have 20 children at Morning Star and it's always a challenge to impress upon them that Christmas is about "giving" not "getting". We praise the Lord for His work in each of their hearts! Just a week ago 8 year old Juanita accepted Christ as her Saviour and this reminded us all of the real "reason for the season", that God's gift keeps on giving, providing eternal life to all who come to Him as little children and accept that gift!



Thank you so much for you prayers!!!

The Staff at Morningstar