

# Rising Star

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

Morning Star children are always excited about their birthdays...in an environment where so much is shared, having something of their own, getting to choose their favorite lunch and activities makes it a very special day for them. Daniela turned 10 and Monica turned 16.

Then came the departures, the first to leave was Joao, he'd only been with us a few weeks and was just getting

comfortable with the staff and the routine but we are thankful his grandparents stepped up to accept custody of him.

Next to leave was Wendi. Nationwide transportation began to open up mid-July and that allowed her mother to

travel from Lima to Chiclayo to pick her up and travel on to their home in the mountains to the northeast of Morning Star.

Our latest departure in July was that of Jorge Saavedra, better known as "Uncle Koki". He and his family were our first house parents when Morning Star opened in 2006. A couple of years later they moved back to Chiclayo for the sake of their children's education. Jorge returned to work at Strong Tower Christian School several years later in various capacities and his wife Margarita came on staff at Morning Star as a caregiver in 2017. Once Strong Tower closed at the end of 2017 they moved on site as permanent house parents again. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Jorge was diagnosed with a strong case of COVID-19 and hospitalized. On July 28<sup>th</sup> the Lord called him home. True to form, even in the hospital he witnessed for His Lord being able to lead his roommate to salvation just hours before his roommate passed away and Jorge followed him to glory the next day. The struggle to cover staffing needs temporarily while he was out sick has now become a search for a long term replacement. He will be greatly missed not only at Morning Star but also the assembly fellowship and his family. Please keep his wife and adult children in your prayers as they also adapt to his absence.



We appreciate your prayers on behalf of the Lord's work at Morning Star!

*The Staff at Morningstar*