

Rising Star

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

On July 28th, Peru celebrated its bicentennial complete with the swearing in of a new president. The independence day holidays have always been the appropriate time for the mid-year, two week school break and at Morning Star we celebrated with a special game day and a very traditional Peruvian lunch.



We also got a special visit from 8 year old Tamara and her family. She arrived at Morning Star when she was a year old and was adopted two years later. It's always a special blessing to see the Lord's plan in action for each child and be able to witness His love and message of salvation with those who choose to stay in touch over the years.

At Morning Star we officially have no birthdayless months! July had our first ever twin birthday. Jeanpier and Jeanmarco turned 5. Aleks and family ran the games and a couple of members of our local board of directors got involved and it was a special day for the boys!



Next came Daniela's birthday. She and her siblings have been at Morning Star since February of 2017, and have been patiently awaiting adoption. On the odd years we try and give them a little more of a choice and since she was turning 11 it was her desire to go to the beach, so Sunday we just had the cake and presents at lunchtime and the following day we all headed to the beach to complete the celebration. It was our first group outing since the beginning of 2020, and quite the challenge to make sure we left the beach with the same 22 little bodies as we arrived with.

One of the side effects of the pandemic has been a statistical rise in reports of family violence, an approximate increase of 85% over the same period last year. This of course results in more calls from the office of Child Protective Services looking for placements. We managed to find a little wiggle room and this month we had two new arrivals.



Grecia is 14, her parents are divorced and she has been living with her grandmother since she was very young and as she entered her teen years her rebellious attitudes encountered the tiredness of her grandmother who choose a much more permissive tact than she had exhibited with her own kids resulting in an unmanageable for her. After a couple of months at a transitional shelter the folks at CPS felt Morning Star was the best option for Grecia. Lot's of love and structure so far have yielded very positive results and we ask that you pray for her salvation which is our priority.

Next to arrive, right on Independence Day (28th) was Ximena. Also 14, she was given away by her birth mother when she was only 6 months old. Her mother subsequently passed away a few months later. At the age of 7 her adoptive father began molesting her. They lived in a indigenous community deep in the Amazon jungle and it wasn't until the birth mother's sister managed to alert authorities in the nearest city large enough to have a police presence that she was removed from the village and sent to a woman's shelter in February of this year. An additional challenge in helping Ximena is that she is just beginning to learn Spanish and all her schooling has been in her native language of Awajun. Amazingly enough, thanks to Wycliffe translators and the internet we can provide her with the Bible in that language both written and in audio and she gets a kick out of our attempts at greetings in her very complicated native dialect. She has told us that there was an evangelical church in her village, but so far the language barrier has made it difficult to ascertain how much she comprehends of the gospel, so please pray for wisdom and patience to bring her to a greater understanding of God's love and that in lue of being able to fully explain it verbally she will at least experience it through our actions.



We have for some time been praying about expanding our capacity and have begun the process of moving some of the classes to new classrooms once they have been refurbished and can then embark on joining two of our larger adjoining classrooms into what will be House #3. The physical remodeling will of course lead us to needing the staff required to open 8 new beds which will bring out total capacity to 30 children.

Thank you so much for you prayers!!!

The Staff at Morningstar