

Rising Star

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

Monica turned sixteen this month and although she is registered as being available for adoption, the reality is that she will likely age out of Morning Star a couple of years from now. Statistically, older children are usually adopted by foreigners and with Peru borders still closed since March and still no end in sight for reopening, it is highly unlikely that adoption will happen for her and our focus will be to seek the Lord's wisdom regarding options for her when the time comes.

Mia also celebrated a birthday in August as she turned five. It was a fun day of outdoor games and her favorite meal for lunch, followed by cupcakes and presents. She and her sister Juanita have been with us for a couple of years now and their custody case is one of those caught in the "lockdown logjam" of the legal system. The courts are attempting to find ways to move forward while most of the judges and their staff are still "working from home" and only dealing with the most pressing cases.

The family court did however decide to intervene in the case of twin 4 year old brothers, JeanFranco and JeanPier. Born to a mentally challenged mother they were being raised by their aunt and uncle but evidence of neglect and malnutrition caused the judge to order their removal from their home in an impoverished rural area outside of Chiclayo with the following caviat..."Get them a spot at Morning Star....they're the only children's home I trust to take good care of them"! So our last two beds available are now theirs. JeanFranco has a deformed left tibia and we'll be seeking consultation as to it's origen and nature since no medical records are available and a prognosis if it turns out to be treatable.



We would ask you to pray especially for Sibila. She and her now 2 ½ year old daughter Mery have been with us over a year. She has no extended family who are interested in helping her moving forward and only since being at Morning Star did she begin working on her high school education. She is far from being capable of supporting herself let alone her daughter as well and while she will legally be eligible to leave Morning Star as of September 13th when she turns 18, Child Protective Services will not allow Mery to be removed from our custody until she is able to demonstrate a sustainable environment for the both of them. The entire situation is a unique challenge as we have no desire to “put her out” and she certainly has no interest in being seperated from her daughter. The entire dynamic has been an adventure intertwining the nuances of childrearing and motherhood and she is doing very well in that regard but is far from ready for independence. During her time with us she has come to know the Lord and is growing in her faith but faces challenges far beyond the usual for her age. Much wisdom will be needed to navigate an eventual transition and this type of situatin is new territory for us as well. The ideal would be for a Christian family to be willing to take them in and help her finish her education and develop employable skills until such a time that she could manage on her own.

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

The Staff at Morningstar

