

Rising Star

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

As summer draws to a close here in Peru, COVID 19 restrictions are loosening and the beginning of the school year presents unique challenges. At this juncture, a simple walk down to the central park in town is still a "big deal" as the children rarely leave the premises of Morning Star. How to handle the uncertainty of the evolving educational challenges prayerfully brought us to enter into an agreement with a school in Chiclayo who will register Morning Star students as enrolled through their school in the



national database but allow us to carry out the education using our own teaching staff and simply submit the appropriate grades at the end of each grading period. This will be the most efficient approach for us and the best academic option for our children, avoiding the need for numerous daily trips back and forth to schools and juggling a variety of class schedules, just to name a few of the challenges. So all our students will study on the Star campus under our supervision with the proper accreditation thereby achieving a decent academic level which the current public school system is experimentally attempting to figure out.

As expected now that we have more room available we are on the radar at Child Protective Services office and they are taking full advantage as we've had several new arrivals, some only staying for days at a time while others will likely be at Morning Star for quite awhile. The common thread in their backstories is the lack of loving care which in turn exposes them to various dangers. They arrive with the clothes on their back and a hole in their hearts. One 13 year old stayed with us for only a week, but when the time came to go, she left in tears because she had simply experienced something unknown at home, a warm loving environment where she felt accepted and loved. Another common denominator is academic neglect and for so many the negative impact of a late start will be a lasting one.

We praise the Lord for answered prayer! Claudio will be getting a new forever family next week. After pushing through the legal logjam in his difficult case the Lord cleared the way for his adoption to move forward. Please pray for the transition process as he departs the only home he's known thus far.

Morning Star is currently housing 25 children, the most we've ever had. Many challenges lie ahead as we continue to serve the needs of these little ones that are precious to the Lord. Thank you so much for your prayers!!



The Staff at Morningstar