

Rising Star

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

Towards the end of May we noticed in our records that we had up until then housed 99 children at Morning Star since opening in 2006. We thought that the next child would be a kind of special milestone, however the Lord shared His sense of humor when June began, by blowing right by that marker and sending us 4 siblings at once. Yenzy is 11, Josue is 7 and twins Bethania and Kaleh are 4. Victims of domestic violence due to their father's temper and their mother's mental health issues, they quickly began to adjust to the more peaceful and loving environment at Morning Star. Kaleh is on the autism spectrum and staffing adjustments had to be made to provide some extra help in the "Boy's House" while he adapts.



After almost 4 months at Morning Star, 8 year old Cielo left to join her extended family. Although her mother is not an option at this point, her aunt and uncle requested and were granted custody. Even these brief stays allow us to implant in these young hearts the seed of God's Word and an example of what a loving environment should look like.

This was precisely the sentiment expressed by Eteli, the 14 year old mother of Gladys who is just one month old. Child protective services planned to place mom and daughter in a specialized facility for teen mothers in the mountains south of us. A long holiday weekend

created a bureaucratic vacuum and meant that they needed a place while travel arrangements could be made. Even though she was only with us for 4 days, she remarked to the CPS staff during their trip south that she wished she could have stayed at Morning Star since she felt so welcome. Although her case was outside the limits of the kind of long term care we are capable of providing, two others will be on their way in the next few days: one 11 year old girl is being transferred from another facility nearby and another 13 year old girl from the jungle where there are no adequate care facilities. This will bring us to a total of 28 children to care for as well as the work involved in reaching out to their families when the merits of the case warrant it, to help them develop a home environment that will allow for them to regain custody at some point in the future.



Please continue to pray for stamina, patience and wisdom as well as the ability to maintain the appropriate focus on each individual child and their needs.

Thank you so much for your prayers!!

The Staff at Morningstar