

Rising Star

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



As the year draws to a close we are supremely thankful to the Lord for the 29 children in our care, the 20 staff members involved in this ministry, His faithful provision for every need throughout the year, and for you, your prayers and support are a continuous source of encouragement and we very much appreciate that you choose to invest in the lives of our "Starlites".



Earlier in the month we welcomed Yuriko, a sixteen year old girl whose own grandmother had been trafficking her. Yuriko summoned up the courage to call the government hotline and was quickly taken into custody and placed in our care. We praise the Lord that she has responded so well to the loving and nurturing environment and feels safe and secure, and while it is certainly heartbreaking to grasp what she has been through, it is comforting to be able to introduce her to the Healer of hearts and support her in the recovery process.

After more than a year of waiting and praying, the Lord answered Romy (9) and her sister Katy's (7) prayers for a

family. This month we were able to give them the fantastic news that their new Mom & Dad would be arriving from Italy in January to adopt them. They are clearly excited and counting the days. The girls were very close to Juanita and Mia who were adopted a month ago, also by an Italian couple and they will end up living about an hour away from each other. The families are already planning to visit each other, and this is a huge encouragement for both sets of sisters, helping them overcome some of the stress of adjusting to their new language and environment.



Christmas morning was a joyous time for the Starlites as they all gathered in the dining hall to listen to the Christmas story and give thanks to the Lord for the marvelous gift of His SON, after which they all had a great time tearing open their Christmas gifts. (See a video of all that fun here: <https://youtu.be/qo0U62kDUB8>)

We very much value your prayers as we begin a new calendar year seeking the Lord's wisdom regarding how best to meet the overwhelming needs. We continue to turn away cases due to lack of space and are striving to maintain a sustainable balance in the quality of care each child deserves.

The Staff at Morningstar