

Rising Star

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

Twins, Pier and Franco were born prematurely weighing only 2 lbs. each. While Pier was healthy, Franco was born with a heart defect which healed itself by age one. He was also born with von Recklinghausen disease, of which, one of the complications was a pseudo arthrosis of his left tibia. Most are known to fracture by the age of 3, in Franco's case that didn't happen until the 11th of this month at the age of 6. The county hospital refused to do anything more than put a cast on his leg and we already knew by prior consultation with a specialist, that the deformed portion of



the bone would not heal. We decided to move him to a private clinic and have the specialist perform the surgery he needed which involved resecting the diseased portion of the bone, inserting a rod fixating the remaining portions, and grafting bone chips to fill in the blank space. Because of his slight build, the bone for the grafts was purchased from the "bone bank" instead of being harvested from his hip which is the usual procedure. The image on the left is before and the one on the right is after the



surgery. His check up on the 30th went well, his stitches were removed and now we wait until the end of July for further imaging to see if the grafts have taken, and to determine when the cast can be removed.

Camila turned 13 the first week of April having given birth a couple of weeks earlier. The pregnancy was the result of abuse by her stepfather. As is the case many times, her mother chose to cover for the aggressor and had not reported the abuse. Camila's rejection of the baby tipped off the medical staff and Child Protective Services became involved. None of the extended family met the criteria to qualify for placement so they requested a spot for her at Morning Star. Please pray for emotional healing for Camila and that she would open her heart to God's love and receive Christ as her Savior.





Marisela is from one of the tribes in the Amazon jungle directly east of Morning Star. She also was being abused by her stepfather and her schoolteacher took her to the authorities nearest her village to report the abuse. At eleven years of age, she's a sweet and affable little girl who enjoys school and has quickly settled into her new surroundings at Morning Star. Please pray similarly for Marisela, for emotional healing and salvation as well as wisdom for the staff as they deal day to day with these dear children who have been through so much so early in life. We are getting both Camila and Marisela caught up on some much-needed dental work that had been neglected for quite some time.

You may remember reading about Ana when she arrived at Morning Star in July of last year. During the last ten months, by her own choice she's had no contact with any of her family. However, as we prepared for her 17th birthday, she asked us to invite her father and his parents. We were more than happy to put them on the guest list as this was a big step forward in being open to repairing the relationship with her father, stepmother, and grandparents. As we begin the countdown towards her departure from Morning Star a year from now, please continue to pray for her salvation. We have seen remarkable improvement in her general disposition and emotional stability.



Monday the 29th we drove to the airport in Chiclayo to pick up Anne-Marie Dallaire, a volunteer from Quebec who will be with us through the middle of July. She quickly captured the attention of the Starlites and promises to be a real asset during her time at Morning Star. A couple of our caregivers are struggling with medical issues. Blanca is scheduled to have knee surgery in the middle of June and Lilian is currently bed ridden with Dengue fever of which there has been a real spike in cases in our area.

We are very thankful to the Lord for your prayers and interest in the ministry in this little corner of the Lord's kingdom.

The Staff at Morningstar