

Rising Star

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

Marco arrived at Morning Star in December of 2020 and turned 7 the following month. There was no doubt he was somewhere on the autism spectrum and did not speak at all due to the absolute neglect on the part of his parents who had separated shortly after his birth. Raised primarily by a sister a few years older than him, his alcoholic father did not concern himself at all with Marco's development. Lacking the most basic abilities for a child his age, the immediate challenge was to manage his endless energy and improve his attention span. The Lord provided a couple of excellent volunteers who over the course of the following year focused on working with him specifically. As Marco's vocabulary began to develop, his bright mind and attention to detail became evident. Although he struggled with social interaction at the onset, much progress has been made in all areas. As we celebrated his 9th birthday this month, he is currently in 2nd grade and is joyfully integrated in all aspects of life at Morning Star. Today he reads on level, has a beautiful smile, and loves to greet new people- things that were nonexistent to him when he arrived.



Marco is one of 32 children currently living at Morning Star. Each case presents its own challenges, and each child is precious in the eyes of the Lord. We are noticing that the legal system is becoming slower and more cumbersome to deal with, resulting in endless delays in achieving resolution or progress in custody issues. This year we have 3 teens who will be aging out and needing to discern the Lord's will for their future. This is an urgent matter of prayer as we seek to safeguard Antonio, Ana, and Juana by charting a successful transition to society.

We are very thankful to the Lord for your prayers and as we look forward to the challenges in the upcoming year, we are grateful we can continue to serve these delightful children and direct their attention towards a heavenly Father who loves and cares for them.

The Staff at Morningstar