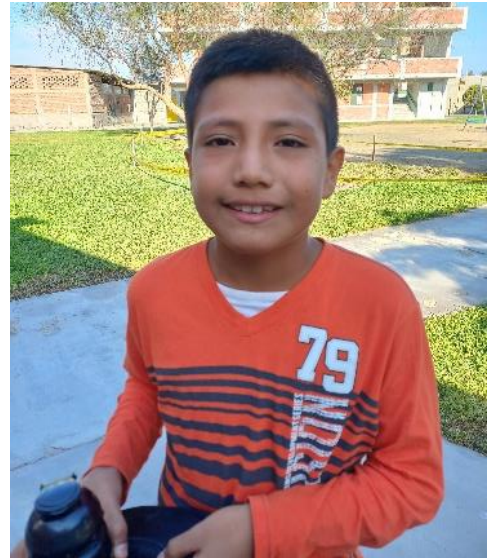


Rising Star

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

With the recent departure of Antonio, we were able to accept the proposal from Child Protective Services to welcome eight-year-old Neyser. Three years ago, his mother left him in the care of a friend who has been doing a great job of raising him as his foster Mom, however family circumstances required her to request a change and CPS had been waiting for a spot to open at Morning Star. He's fitting in very nicely and is very well mannered.



That same day Mia arrived after Tom interviewed her at the CPS office, which is our procedure when they are over 12 years of age. Due to very negligent parenting, Mia had a boyfriend at the age of 10, got pregnant at 11 and gave birth to a baby girl at age 12. Her mother's solution was to rent a room for her and the baby to live in and would look in on her occasionally. Now at the age of 14, she simply is not mature enough to adequately parent a 2-year-old and so CPS got involved. Thankfully there is a 35-year-old cousin who is a nurse that was willing to foster the toddler. Mia is still very much a child herself but outgoing and happy to be at Morning Star.

It will be a complicated case moving forward but we are grateful we can rely on the Lord's wisdom to guide us as we minister to her and her extended family, focusing on introducing them to Christ who is the answer to all complicated situations.

We are still experiencing weather warm enough for the kids to enjoy the pool every afternoon which they thoroughly enjoy since they spend the mornings in school. We have a few more spots available for girls and experience tells us that it won't be long before they will be filled up.

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