

Rising Star

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

January was off to a bumpy start, with Carol & Tom in Florida, managing the “runaway” situation was tricky, but the Lord providing the way forward. The Family Court judge in Bagua decided to give custody of sisters Ester and Rosalinda to their aunt with whom they had been staying when they were picked up by the police. Estrella (10) who joined the escape on the spur of the moment and whose 6-year-old sister is also at Morning Star, after much prayer, we felt she should return to us. Due to the immense amount of red tape involved in waiting for the authorities to make that happen we took the initiative of sending one of our caregivers over the mountains to bring her back, and so as of January 11th she is back at Morning Star. Xiomara, the 14-year-old who had only been with us since April and with whom we'd not managed to make any progress in modifying her behavior, after a week-long process of haggling with the local Family Court judge in charge of her case, was finally transferred to another facility in Chiclayo for teen girls. That left us with Daniela (14) who was also intent in leaving. She and her two siblings have been at Morning Star for 8 years. The judge in charge of her case has not been very cooperative and is looking for alternative placements for her, but as you may recall, there is a law in place since last April that she is required to only place children in facilities that are duly accredited, of which Morning Star is one, but there are few others and with the current overload it has been hard to find a spot. In the meantime, free from Xiomara's influence, Daniela's behavior has improved somewhat. We are open to WHATEVER options THE LORD deems fit and having done our due diligence are awaiting HIS direction whether that be for her to stay or go, we will continue to take advantage of making this a learning experience for her.



Visioneers is a German volunteer placement program with whom we'd coordinated to receive a volunteer for a prolonged stay and in December Britta (18) arrived to spend her “gap year” at Morning Star. She will be with us Lord willing until the end of August and has been a great help interacting with the kids. We also received a short visit from Anne-Valerie who spent a year with us



during the COVID shutdown and she brought some of her Swiss friends by to learn about Morning Star.

Summer is in full swing and the kids are making the most of the swimming pool each day.

We are praising the Lord that He has moved the hearts of many to continue to support the ministry of Morning Star and that at this time we have a healthy margin of funds that would indicate His intention that we move forward providing His truth and love to these children for as long as He sees fit.



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