

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



Yes.....there are some months when looking back it seems "nothing happened". No crisis, no calamities, no spectacular breakthroughs, just the day to day dealing with the logistics of caring for 26 children. Educational materials to edit for grades 1 through 12. Clothing to organize and distribute as needed. Dental appointments and an occasional cold to deal with. A kitchen cabinet to replace due to an ignored water leak and... oh yeah...the fridge in that house needed repaired as well. A few birthdays to wrap presents for and cakes to be made...check on who's moving along in their respective discipleship courses and keep the library clean, organized and up to date as the kids check out books each Sunday. Sometimes it's just taking each day as it presents and putting one foot in

front of the other...i.e. PERSEVERANCE, the need to finish strong, "press on towards the mark" "keeping your eyes upon Jesus" and looking each child in the eyes and reminding them they are loved!

We did get a surprise visit from the inspectors from the government's accreditation department. For 5 hours they combed through every detail of the operation and interviewed each of the children and had us sign our "report card", Morning Star passed with flying colors and flattering remarks from the inspectors. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness each day!

Natty has been at Morning Star for over two years. Child Protective Services took her off the street and it became evident her maternal family has no interest in caring for her. As she came to realize this and approaching her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, she developed an intense interest in locating her biological father whom she had never met. The product of a short fling by a married man, there was much uncertainty as to how it would play out. With the assistance of Child Protective Services, contact with her father was made and he requested a meeting with Tom during which he gave his testimony of how having reached the end of his rope during the illness of his youngest child 7 years ago, he, his wife and entire family gave their lives to the Lord and are currently attending an evangelical church near their home where they are all involved in service for the Lord. He had only recently become aware of Natty's existence when he was sued for child support and was not aware she was at Morning Star. . He and both of his daughters came to Morning Star on her birthday

(the 28<sup>th</sup>) and had a very positive first visit making it evident that the Lord has been at work to bring Natty out of a very dysfunctional situation into one that has the potential for a viable future. Now, quite understandably, he wants a DNA test which may dash a girl's hopes. Pray that Nati will see the Lord's hand in her life and trust Him as her faithful Protector and Provider whatever the outcome.

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.