

# Rising Star

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



We are praising the Lord and very thankful for the prayers of all of you that were answered this month when sisters Estrella and Maryori were handed over to their new foster family. This fine Christian couple had been running a small children's home themselves until they had to close last year and Estrella and Maryori had been with them for 5 years in that capacity. Now that they now longer operated the children's home, they applied to be foster parents and after a lot of red tape, were given custody of them.

The very day we took Estrella and Maryori to the offices of Child Protective Services, they had two girls waiting for us to take their spots. Ayve (15) is originally



from a town in the Amazon jungle. Number 6 of 11 children, she had left home at the age of 13 to make her own way in life, working in restaurants, renting her own room, and had dropped out of high school back in March. Having been raised in a large evangelical church, she chose to see what the world had to offer and was enticed into coming out to the coast to work at an establishment that would eventually groom her for the sex trade. She had only been there 3 days when the police raided the place and discovered that she and a friend had no ID and were underage, which immediately placed them into the CPS system. Due to her prior behavior at home her parents were not willing to take custody of her. CPS asked us to take her in while they worked on a transfer to a facility in Lima, but as we got to know her over the weekend, we felt the Lord had brought her to Morning Star purposefully and requested that she stay with us. We ask you to join her family and us in praying for her to respond to the Spirit's work in her heart.



Jessica (12) endured sexual abuse by her stepfather for the last 3 years. Her own mother was unwilling to either believe her or do anything to stop it. However, a kind neighbor listened to her story and took her to the police. Investigations are underway and the shy and scared little girl that arrived at Morning Star is blossoming in the light of God's love and care.

A special thanks to our team of volunteers from Northwest Gospel Hall in Grand Rapids, MI. They were an awesome blessing in so many ways!

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***

