

Rising Star

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

This month we welcomed Valentina (12), Estrella (11) and Miguel (9). Their parents split up 5 years ago and left them in the hands of their paternal grandmother who was not providing adequate care. The two girls don't even have birth certificates and therefore have never been to school. Miguel is in 2nd grade, but his sisters can't read or write. Valentina had to accompany her grandmother every day to sell food in the local market while the younger two fended for themselves in a little shack on the outskirts of town. Please pray we will be able to successfully navigate the legal issues in getting the girls properly registered and that they will respond to God's love for them and His gift of salvation.



Lucy's (13) original home is deep in the Amazon jungle in an AWAJUN tribe. However, her mother's sister took her to live on the southern coast of Peru in the city of Moquegua. Neglect and physical abuse ensued at the hands of the aunt and her schoolteachers reported the situation to the local authorities. After a short time at a temporary shelter in Arequipa she was brought to Morning Star. Timid and fearful, finding herself once again in unfamiliar surroundings far from home, we were surprised how quickly she responded to the loving care of our staff. She has blossomed into a happy and vivacious addition to the Morning Star family. She is also very behind in her schooling but is a hard worker doing her best to catch up. Pray that soon she will come to know Christ as her Lord and Savior and that we will be able to sort through the custody issues in her case moving forward.

Last month we asked you to pray for Ayve (15) who had been living on her own for 2 years already. Although respectful and compliant for the most part during her stay with us, in the wee hours of the 14th, she left a note thanking us for caring for her and apologizing for leaving. She climbed out a window and over the wall and we have not had news regarding her since. Please pray that wherever she is the Word of God sown in her heart will be used of the Spirit to bring her to repentance and be able to avoid the tragic pitfalls that await young girls in this society.

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