



“Morning Star” Orphanage News Bulletin

OUR FIRST CASE HAS ARRIVED!

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Sunday night, November 12, Tom spoke at the Latina assembly, before the message began one of the brethren brought a new family forward to introduce them to the saints, they were new believers reached by evangelism efforts in one of the squatters villages on the outskirts of Chiclayo. Before getting into the message, Tom gave a review of what was happening with the orphanage and thanked the believers for the participation on the part of some of them during a recent work day. After the meeting one of the ladies in the new family asked that one of her children and a grandchild be considered for admittance to the orphanage. Eighteen years ago she gave birth to a severely deformed little girl (her hips and legs were backwards) who was also very mentally handicapped. At a local clinic the daughter endured many years of corrective surgery which eventually resulted in her being able to walk, although she now measures only 32”, and has the mental capacity of a 5yr old, her name is Rosita, and she lives with her mother in abject poverty. As if all she went through wasn’t enough, a drunk and delinquent uncle raped her 4 years ago. He ended up in prison, and she later gave birth to a perfectly normal and beautiful girl named Araceli. Elena does the best she can to care for both Rosita and Araceli, but must leave them on their own for most of the day while she goes to work to provide for something to eat. Their home consists of woven cane mats for walls, and discarded sheets of plastic hand-sown together as a roof. Squatters villages are common in Peru, and there is no water, sewer or electricity or even minimal security. A haven for delinquents because of the absence of police presence, they are the bottom rung on the socioeconomic ladder of many underdeveloped countries. Elena’s house doesn’t even have a secure door, just a sheet of ¼” plywood on strings for hinges, resulting in what happened a couple of weeks ago when she got home to find a strange man rummaging through the house for items he could make off with, he didn’t find anything valuable enough even to steal, however the invasion caused her to be motivated to find alternatives of a better life for Rosita and Araceli. After studying her case it is evident that we are not equipped or staffed at this point to handle special needs cases like Rosita, however Araceli fits our target profile perfectly. Maybe the Lord will grant us one day the facilities and personnel to be able to offer a safe future for cases like Rosita, but for now we must be content to do what we can with what we have available. Yesterday Araceli was admitted to Morning Star, and during this week will undergo the required medical and psychiatric evaluations. We will continue to work with Elena to try and get Rosita into the only day school available in Chiclayo for the mentally handicapped. Lord willing the assembly in Latina will also step up and help her secure her living quarters more appropriately. The orphanage is eliciting a lot of interest from many sectors of the community, please pray for wisdom in developing these contacts into and ultimately spiritual fruit bearing enterprise.



From all of us here, ***“Happy Thanksgiving”*** we truly do have soooooo much to be thankful for.