

# Rising Star

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

**FAREWELL TO NICOLE** Nicole was abandoned at birth in the mountains east of Morning Star. She was rescued just hours later by passersby and hospitalized in Chiclayo. After 4 months she was released into our care. We nursed her through her surgery to install a valve and shunt to control her hydrocephalus and for the next two years she has enjoyed a healthy although very limited life due to her microcephalia. Her special needs are more than Morning Star is equipped to handle and after several months of paperwork, on March 22<sup>nd</sup> she traveled to Lima to take up residence in a specialized facility for the handicapped. Our prayers go with her during this new chapter of her life.



**NEW ARRIVAL** The very day we were preparing for Nicole's departure we received a call from a Christian social worker employed by the family court in Trujillo, the next largest city 4 hours to the south of Chiclayo, they had been unable to find a placement for 2-month-old Derhek. His drug addicted HIV+ young mother was unfit to care for him and he had been in the hospital since birth. The social worker whom we have known for

many years remembered Morning Star and suggested to the judge they request a placement with us. We welcomed him the following day. He is so far a totally healthy and happy baby and his first two HIV tests have been negative and being delivered via cesarean section lowers the chance of transmission.

**NEW WHEELS** Now that the Morning Star kids must be transported to school off campus and back. Due to multiple schedules and locations the safest and most efficient way was to purchase this three-wheeler. Benches and roof were made for it and Jorge does the daily runs with the kids.



We are very thankful for all the Lord is doing here and for all those who support the ministry here with their prayers and giving.

*The Staff at Morningstar*