

Rising Star

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



When we think of all the variables involved in serving others and meeting needs are very thankful we can prayerfully follow the Lord's leading as He provides means and opportunity. The word "elasticity" comes to mind when we interact with the local authorities. For a couple of weeks we have responded to calls for placing more children at Morning Star with the phrase "We're Full", but somehow when the call came Monday late afternoon...."can't you please find space for just one more 14 year old.....otherwise she'll have to spend the night at the local police station", we just felt the Spirit's prodding and the peace to say

"YES" and then start moving kids around. Italo moves to the other boy's bedroom, Rosita moves up to take that bed in House #2, Virginia moves to where Rosita was and BINGO, we have one empty bed for Monica.....a lovely 14-year-old. Over two years ago her mother left in the care of a "friend" and left to work in Lima. Then she stopped sending money each month to the friend for her daughters care.....the abuse began. Most recently she used a hot frying pan to burn Monica's hands, this prompted her school teacher to report the abuse to the police and she was removed from the woman's care on Monday morning and by 7:30 pm she was getting welcoming hugs from the other girls in House #1 and settling in to her new surroundings with a shy smile and sweet demeanor. So yes, we did manage to stretch just a little more.....after all, who's to say what "Full" really means.

One of the positives of taking in young teens is that they can clearly understand the gospel and



when the Lord brings them our way, that is the priority, as was the case with Belen. She had been at a Roman Catholic girl's home in Chiclayo while her brother Antonio was with us. The ideal situation would be for them to be together so the judge in their case ordered she be moved to Morning Star. She arrived early in July and after a series of weekly Bible Studies with Crystal towards the end of August she professed faith in Christ. On Sunday September 30th she was one of two people baptized.

We are thrilled to see the Lord at work in each individual He brings our way and for all those who support the ministry here with their prayers and giving.

The Staff at Morningstar