

# Adoptions, Vacations, and More



## Recent Adoptions

Dear Praying Friends,

1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14-15 says, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him." We have seen many prayers answered this past month. One of those answers to prayer was seen through the adoption of Edwin, Naim, and Jorge, the three Paukert brothers. They have been at Morning Star for 2 ½ years. During those years, many people prayed that the Lord would provide a family for these three precious brothers. For the longest time, it appeared as if the answer to that petition was, "wait." However, now he has seen fit to bless them with a new family from Lima! Last Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the new parents arrived at Morning Star. They were here until the 26<sup>th</sup>, when they loaded their new little family into their car and headed off for the 12 hour drive to Lima. We were delighted to receive a phone call from them this past weekend. We're thankful that the parents are willing, and even encouraging, continued contact. While we were talking with the boys, they told us that their new parents had bought them Bibles! They also told us that, on Sunday, they hadn't gone to school, or to church, but they had gone to the park! Pray that the Lord will bring both the new parents, as well as the 3 boys to His saving grace.

Little Solomon also left with his new

parents this month. It is a bit difficult to have our little family down here, shrinking (last time I went to the park, there were 8+ children with me—today there were 5 and I kept trying to figure out who was missing!) but we do thank the Lord for the new families. Pray for those who are still here at the children's home and who are longing for new families of their own.

## Sunday School

When we had the different groups come over the summer, they invited all the children to come to Sunday school. The most recent group must have been most persuasive with their invitations, because the Sunday after they had been at the schools, we had several new children. Last week, one of the Sunday school teachers said that she had 40 children in her class! Another said that she had 15—and there is at least one more class, but I didn't hear how many children attended that class. It is exciting to see these children coming though. Pray for continued attendance and that they will hear the Good News and accept the gift of salvation for themselves.

## Prayer Requests

- Language learning
- The gospel going out
- Sunday School
- Spiritual growth for the young people
- Financial provision for Strong Tower and Morning Star

## 2 Chronicles 26:5

**He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper...**



Rosa, the sweetest house mother, Andrew, and me

## Youth Group

## Impending Arrivals

Up until recently, our youth group has consisted of free time to play games on the cancha (the cement court that was made earlier this year), more guided, games, singing songs, and a lesson from the word. Now, Carlos, who is leading the youth group, is trying to make some changes. One of these changes includes breaking up into small groups for 15 minutes of discussion. His idea is to include the young people more, in their own personal study, rather than just sitting and listening. He has asked if I would be willing to lead one of the groups of girls. I would appreciate prayers for this—that the Lord would give me the right words to speak—especially as I will be doing it all in Spanish! You can also pray that the youth here would be growing in their faith and that they would desire to further their own personal relationship with Christ.

Although that may sound like a “new baby” announcement, it's not. I am, however, quite delighted to announce that, Lord willing, there will be 3 more English teachers here at Morning Star in the next few weeks. Laura Messerly and her cousin Eric Messerly are scheduled to arrive in Lima on August 6<sup>th</sup>, and at Morning Star a few days later. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, once again Lord willing, Leanna will be returning. I am elated about the prospect of co-teaching, and excited that the kids here will have more opportunities to speak English 1-on-1. The fact that I will also have 2 roommates and not be living solo is also pretty exciting for me.

Right now we are just finishing up with our first week of a two-week vacation. It has been nice to have a bit of a break, but I have to admit, I miss seeing my students every day and I will be glad to start up school again on the 12<sup>th</sup> (I never thought I would hear myself say that!) Granted, I don't miss all the lesson planning, but I do miss my kiddos! Pray that my last week of vacation will be productive and that I will be able to get a lot done.

Love In Christ,  
~Tina



Some of my favorite students—waiting for the marching competition to start.