

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

...thou (LORD) are the helper of the fatherless...

(Ps. 10:14)

David and Debbie Bolos... Missionaries to Peru

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Te amo y te perdono... This is how the Peruvian Christians say I LOVE YOU AND I FORGIVE YOU. In Matthew 18 we read, *“Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?”* When Peter asked if seven times were enough, our Lord simply said, *“No Peter, not seven times but seventy times seven!* Forgiveness, it is the most basic principle and example left for us by Christ to follow. Wherever our Savior went, everyone He met... from the Samaritan woman to the woman caught in adultery to the thief on the cross... he taught by his teachings and by example how we must forgive. Here at New Hope Children’s Home, we have taught the children that love always forgives. That it is the most basic principle we are to mold our life after. Though the offender

may not deserve it, though they may not seek after it, though it seems so unfair to do, we must forgive and leave our hurts in the hands of our Savior. Please, pray for us. Pray for the children here at New Hope, children that have been abandoned and abused in unspeakable ways. Pray for them as we teach them what love really means and how they must forgive to be free of the bonds of their past hurts.

The Story of Estefania...

Welcome our newest addition to our New Hope Family! My name is Estefania Sharrel Caena. I am 13 years old and was born in the beautiful city of Arequipa, Peru. I lived in a small shanty with my mommy and daddy until I was 11. I remember how my mommy encouraged me to study and I loved school. I was first in my class in all my studies. I was happy living with my parents and always thought we had a happy home, though I may have been too young to understand many things.

One day, I can still remember that day, my mommy disappeared and abandoned me. I am not sure where she went or why she would do this. She left me alone to live with my dad and has never returned. After a short time my dad brought another woman into our home. Though I tried my best to please her, she never accepted me and insulted me and



told my daddy things about me that were not true. After a short time, my dad's attitude began to change. He began to insult me also and treat me harshly. My only refuge was my studies and the friends I had in school. I began to study harder to help take away the pain I felt at the loss of my mom and the anger my dad and my stepmom had toward me. I wanted so much to feel loved and to be accepted but I could not find any.

Finally in July I could not take the abuse. I ran from home to a police station, where they brought me here to New Hope. I have made many friends and found many that love me here. I have been here now for nearly a month. My dad has not yet come to see me or call. I wish so much to know what happened to my mom.

Thank you for hearing my story. *(It is obvious how Estefania has suffered with the loss of her mother and abuse of her father. We also have seen firsthand the rejection of her stepmom toward her as her stepmom and father have simply refused to visit the home. Please, pray for us as we introduce Estefania to Christ and we teach her the importance of love and forgiveness through His example)*



Friendship Baptist Church and Ministries...

The month of July has flown by! There at the church we had a week of special services as a prelude to our revival services, which began yesterday at la Iglesia Bautista Amistad (Friendship Baptist Church). We also took our youth group to a mountain village called Chichani. This is called a "Pueblo Joven" or young village because it was recently started by families looking for a place to live. Most of the homes are shantys, either



made of esteras (which is a bamboo-type material) or made of lava-rock. They went with the intention of serving breakfast to the children, to offer free medical care and to bring the gospel to all that came. We had a group visiting from River Hills in Georgia along with Devon Hicks, who offered his time doing medical exams on the children and adults. There were many that came out and it was a great time for the young people of our church to minister and help out in this village. If we could only open our eyes and understand there is a world so much needier than our own, not just starving for material

needs but starving for love and compassion and hope. Pray for our church here as they seek to reach out to minister to the villages around them.

We again want to thank you all for your love and support to our family. There is so much more work to do. Please, please pray for us and the work in Peru. **We are including in this newsletter a handout of some things the children of New Hope are offering as a Back-To-School special for your children.** Let us know what you think! We look to report again next month!

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