

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

...thou (LORD) are the helper of the fatherless... (Ps. 10:14)

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Greetings to you all

once again in His precious name! Here at New Hope many of the children have their special verses and passages of scriptures that they hold close to their hearts. One verse that is very special is found in the book of Jeremiah... *The word of the Lord came unto (Jeremiah) saying, Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee, and before thou camest out of the womb, I sanctified thee...* (Jeremiah 1:4-5).

What an incredible verse we have here in Jeremiah 1, as our Lord reminds Jeremiah that he knew him even before he formed him in his mother's womb, that he sanctified him and that he had a special plan for his life! This

is a message every child needs to know, no matter what country they have been born in, what their condition is, if they are born into plenty or if they have suffered. They are a special creation of God their father, they have been created with love and with a purpose! This is the hope we give to our children here at New Hope Children's Home as we teach them and love on them and care for them. Their hope is in their Father the Creator and in His Son Jesus Christ who knew each child before He formed them even in their mother's womb! Please pray for our children, that our God would heal the scars they bare from so many years of abuse and neglect and abandonment, we need you to help us pray for them.

The teens of New Hope Children's Home

One of the greatest challenges of New Hope is the work the Lord has given us to do with teenagers. Out of the 45 children we have in our home, 32 of them are teenagers. Many of them, like Edwin Manani, have grown up and lived most of their lives in our home. Edwin arrived when he was just 8 years old, left by a mom who simply could not take care of him or provide for him in even his simplest necessities. Though he does have a mom that lives in a small pueblo joven called Chacani, we are literally the only



family he has ever known. We were there for Edwin in the early days when he first arrived and was confused and struggled to fit in with the other children of our home, when he graduated from grade school and entered high-school, when he picked up the guitar for the first time and played without ever taking a lesson! We were there when he struggled in his teen years and one day, gave his life to serve his Savior, when he completed his high-school years and studied at the Bible college... and we have watched Edwin mature and become a leader

among the young people at New Hope. He is an outstanding musician and helps lead music here at our church. He has led several mission trips with the teens of the church, taking them to the villages of Chivay, Juli, Juliaca and just this past month, to the country of Bolivia to bring the gospel to the needy.

We have taken in other children like Yamila (shown in the picture on the first page, the young teen girl with the grey sweater) who have come into New Hope later on in their teen years. Yamila is 17 years old and has just recently arrived here with her younger sister at New Hope in the month of September. We do not have as much time to work with her as we did with Edwin and help her to heal from the scars of abuse and abandonment she holds in her heart. She has finished high-school and is in cosmetology school here in the center part of Arequipa. In January she turns 18 years old, but as she has nowhere to go, (she cannot return back to her home because of the horrible abuse she endured there), we will help her at least until she finishes her schooling and has healed some from her past pain.

And we can talk of others, of Benildo (shown in the picture on the first page with the blue shirt and striped tie) and Rueben, who both graduate from High School this year, of Freddy and Abel and Renee, Alvaro and Magaly and Elizabeth, Rosalia and Estefany and Julia, just a few of the 27+ children that are in high-school. Each has their history of why they came to us, each one our Lord knew before He even formed them in the womb of their mother, each one is a special creation of the Creator of the Universe who has a special plan for each of his children! And we can go on and talk for hours about our children, their pains and scars, their needs both spiritually and emotionally. But all we ask is that you pray with us for our children at New Hope, that our heavenly Father would help us to show them He is their Heavenly father also!



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Christmas at New Hope...

As you receive this letter, I am sure you are busy preparing for a special time we call Christmas, a time we celebrate with family the birth of our Savior! At New Hope we too are busy preparing, with 45 + children we are a family like any other family! Many have written to ask about our needs here and our personal needs as a family. We have many special needs as we try to purchase clothing for our 45 children during this month... clothing both for summer and for the new school year, which will begin here the end of February. We have 135 pair of shoes and sneakers to purchase, 25 dresses and skirts, 135 pair of dress pants and jeans, socks, pajamas, 135 shirts and blouses, underclothing etc that we purchase for Christmas for the children... along with soccer balls, volley balls and table games for each group. If you would like to help in any way, this would be such a blessing! Also, we have a "Christmas Concurso", where our children prepare dramas and skits, special songs and gifts to share with the neighbors and other children's homes and hospitals in the area. This is such a busy time for the children and staff. Thank you, thank you so much for your love and kindness to us and our New Hope family! Again, we have run out of room in our newsletter, Please, pray for us and our children, we look forward to keeping in touch with you and to our next month's newsletter.

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