

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

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

(Ps. 10:14)

David and Debbie Bolos... Missionaries to Peru January 2011



FELIZ ANO NUEVO...

Happy New Year!! In Psalms 90 we read these words... So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom". (Ps. 90:12). As we looked through some pictures of the children and thought about all that happened this year at New Hope, we were amazed at how quickly time has gone by and how the children have grown so! Many of the children here in our home have entered their teen years... in fact, of the 47 children we have at New Hope, 36 of them are teenagers. Wow, imagine having 36 teenagers living in your home! But they are

such a blessing and it is such a joy to see them grow and understand how our God is working in the lives of each one of them. No matter their background, no matter the abuse and abandonment they faced, our God is merciful and has shown us time and again that He has a perfect plan for their lives. He is their Father, He loves them so and is so gentle to them! May each child understand and learn to number their days, may they apply their hearts unto wisdom and seek diligently their Creator and their Lord... this is our prayer for the children here at New Hope~!

The Story of MariCruz...

Hola, mi nombre es MariCruz and this is my story. I was born on December 24th, 1991 in a tiny pueblo outside of the city of Puno Peru. I do not have many memories of my mom and dad as they left me when I was young. What I remember a little is how the police came to our home many times to take them away, but I never understood why. Also many times when I was small I



remember my mom and dad would take me and make me climb in the windows of strangers homes and tell me to take whatever I could fit in my hands. This was how I spent my childhood until I was about 6 years old.

I cannot remember exactly but when I was around 6 years old my parents took me to a stranger's house that I did not know. I remembered they knocked on the door and I waited outside as they spoke to the owners of the house. After they finished my mom and dad told me to come in. They said this would be my new home and my new family, that I was to be a good girl and that I was to obey, that I would be able to attend school, and that they would come back and visit me soon... that was the last I ever saw of my mom and dad.

Though I was a little girl, I worked at that home as a maid. I cooked and cleaned as best I could and did whatever they asked. I remember waiting every day for my dad and mom to come back, but I finally lost all hope. I worked for many years for this family and endured many hardships as

they mistreated me horribly, until one day when I was 14 the police came and took me out of this home. They told me there was a children's home that would take care of me and allow me to finish my school and that I no longer needed to suffer as I did at the hands of this family. On November 25th, 2006 I arrived at New Hope Children's Home... and I have been here ever since.



I am now 19 years old and will start my senior year of High-School in March. I have worked hard to excel in school and have been able to do 6 years of school work in only 3 years. I would like to study counseling and law and someday my dream is to help other children that have suffered as I have. Please, pray for me and all my brothers and sisters here at New Hope.

(MariCruz will finish her High-School in December 2011. We have been unsuccessful in finding any of her family. She speaks much of her mom and dad and a younger brother and longs to see them... but we have been unsuccessful in finding any of her family or anyone that knows her. She is a hard-working student and is also involved in the choir of our church. Please, pray for MariCruz as we continue to teach her what it is to love and to forgive after the example of Jesus Christ.)

Friendship Baptist Church...

These next few weeks will be busy here at our church. The young people are planning a mission trip to Bolivia at the end of January... it will be a 10 day trip where they will hold a special VBS program as well as training programs and street evangelism for the youth. Edwin, who grew up in our Children's Home, will lead this group of young people. Also, we are looking to plan our own VBS and push evangelism here at our church for the next 3 months. We do have a prayer request... our Pastor's wife has had surgery this past week and will need to be in bed the next 2 months, he has asked us to pray for her... please, pray for Victor and his wife and family.

We have one more announcement. We have begun an organization in the states called New Hope Children's Ministries. Along with our Pastor, we formed this non-profit to help with the support and organization of our children's home here in Peru. We will be writing a special newsletter with more information in the next week or so. With 47 children in our home and nearly 90 other children that have grown up in New Hope (many who are now married with children of their own) and others working or studying outside of the home, we need so much wisdom in the decisions we make. **Thank you so much for your love and prayers for our family, our children at New Hope and the Peruvian Christians.** May our God in His mercy bless our families and our country once again, may we remain faithful to the calling He has laid on the lives of each one of us.

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