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the KENNEDY family

AND THE NEW LIFE CHILDREN'S HOME PERU, SOUTH AMERICA



Thank You!

We want to wish you all a very special and blessed Christmas, and thank you for your prayers for our family, The New Life Children's Home, and the churches we have in Peru! We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and share the Gospel with those that have not heard, so that they too can believe in Christ as their Savior and have eternal life.

Dear friends and co-laborers,
Greetings from our family and New Life Children's Home!
We are not able to send these larger updates out as often as we would like, so we are excited to get this to you before Christmas!

We pray that your hearts will be encouraged and blessed as you read this update.
The Lord has blessed in many ways and we thank you for your faithful financial and prayerful support for this ministry and our family so we can reach others!

✧ Merry Christmas! ✧

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

What a verse, what a truth, and what a reason for the Season!!!

MORE OPEN DOORS TO PREACH CHRIST!

We had another great year of hosting some wonderful short term missions teams. This is something our family has enjoyed doing since language school (1997), and each year we've see God take ordinary people who come to serve and share His Love...do great and mighty things!



This also gave us many open doors throughout the Summer to give away tens of thousands of Bibles and tracts...in new places like schools, prisons, military bases, and the largest police academy (as shown in this photo), giving over 900 cadets The Gospel and a N.T.Bible!





Some New Children that came to New Life!

Celebrating our 10th year anniversary of New Life Children's Home

WOW...what a great day this was! We had a cookout for all the children and workers, a huge inflatable slide, games, and then a special program and dinner at night. We gave gifts to the workers and honored them. My wife and staff presented me with a photo album filled with photos and letters from families and children that have been adopted from our Home over the years. Something I will cherish forever! It's been amazing to see God bless this ministry the way HE has! So many wonderful people, from so many churches and families, have sacrificially given of their finances, time, labor, and prayers. We just had another child matched with a wonderful Christian family and we have several others that are in the process of adoption now. We've also recently had two children placed with family members. Please pray for these children and adopting families!



Celebrating our 13th year anniversary of New Life Baptist Church

What a great blessing it was to receive a call Sunday morning from the pastor and church congregation to greet us and love on us! I was also able to greet them and rejoice with them on celebrating another year. The church was packed, 3 saved, and several baptized! Little did we realize 13 years ago how God would use this church to touch the lives of so many people (throughout Peru and the U.S.) for His Glory and His Kingdom!



We also celebrated several other church anniversaries that we've started there in Peru over the years, and although we could not write about all of them, we rejoice with them... that God is blessing their faithfulness!

Furlough, Family, & Finances...

We want to thank everyone for your prayers for our family as we continue our furlough. Since informing everyone of our need to come in and raise support last year we've been so blessed to receive many calls, emails, and messages letting us know of your prayers for us. As much as we desire to be back in Peru full time we are still faced with the need to raise additional needed support and divide our time between here and there in Peru, just as we did this year. We want you to know that while we are here we are maintaining our ministry, we have great leadership there, and God is blessing! We've even started new ministries, such as a church, bus route, and a mid-week Bible study started in the area where we used to serve before over 300 shanty houses were burnt to the ground by squatters. We are excited that this area is open back for us to work there and teach the Bible to these people! We believe that as missionaries we should train leaders, so that we don't always have to be there in order for the ministries to run smoothly. Dividing our time not only allows us to spend time there in Peru part of the year and be here to raise funds, it also allows us to focus on our family needs such as helping our oldest son (Mikey) get settled in college next month. We praise the Lord that he received a full MK Scholarship. We are so proud of him and the godly man he has become. Our second oldest son (Josh) is making all A's and will graduate from high school in May, just before we return to Peru to host several groups through the Summer. We covet your prayers for them as they enter a new season of their lives. Pray that they will continue to walk with God and obey Him in all that they do. They have been such a blessing to our ministries and it will be difficult not having them with us when we do return. God has blessed us with a great school for our children to attend while here and we are ministering in a great Bible preaching church, when we are not traveling. This last year, they also allowed us to stay in their prophets chamber at no cost since we've been in, so this has allowed us to put our funds to the needs of the ministry there in Peru. We've been able to preach several Missions conferences, and meetings where we've seen God work in many ways. Please pray for us and the many miles we have yet to travel. As we always express, if you would like to schedule a meeting with us at your church please contact us at mkinperu@yahoo.com or by phone (336)905-0330 anytime.

As with many families we've had a lot of sickness throughout our family the last few months, making several visits to the clinic and emergency room, but we are thankful for the health and strength God has blessed us with. My mother is continuing to do much better and we are thankful for your prayers. A few months ago I was hospitalized with pneumonia, and then had to have surgery on my left knee for a torn meniscus a few weeks ago. I continue to have some pain, but I'm undergoing physical therapy and expecting a full recovery.

We appreciate not only the opportunity to serve with you, but allowing us to share our burdens and blessings with you! We look forward to the opportunity visiting with as many of our supporting churches as possible! **"And they brought young children to Him..." Mark 10:13**

WE NEED YOUR HELP THIS CHRISTMAS!

Would you help us give Christmas to each child and worker at New Life Children's Home this year?

If you can help us with this need please send funds to CMC marked "Christmas at NLCH Peru" If you have any questions please feel free to contact Chelene, Peggy, or myself. Thank you for your help!!! (contact information is located on the left side of the last page in this update)





The roof is now on, and we're almost done...

Here are some photos of the new dorm that we've been building. The second story roof was poured last week! This is a major step and we are excited that soon we will have this building occupied and reaching more abandoned and orphaned children.

Another vision coming to reality! We are praying that God will send a work group down this coming year to work with us to finish things such as tile, plumbing, electrical, painting, furnishing, etc.

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Would you please pray for the following needs and how your church can help?

Ministry support

One of the hardest things we've ever had to do is turn away an abandoned or orphaned child from coming into our Home, or not being able to start a church in an area that doesn't have one. Yet, this happens to us more often than not, because of the lack of funds. We have no other missionaries to help us take on these responsibilities or even to help us raise support. This year alone we had thousands of dollars less come in than what we've had to pay out. As a non-Catholic, Christian ministry, that isn't run by the Government we will have to pay out much

more by the end of December! **Church and bus routes in Manchay...**

God has really been blessing our efforts in Manchay over the years and we look forward to expanding in this area this coming year and planting even another church further up where there is no church at all. The church we started this year continues to grow. They have midweek services and Sunday night services, while on Sunday mornings the busses continue to run and they join with us in Cieneguilla.

Our Annual Pastor and Leaders

Conference is this February (9-11). This is always an amazing conference. We host

hundreds of pastors and leaders from all over Peru. We devote these 3 days to teaching, training, and encouraging them through God's Word. Every year we see and hear of how God uses this conference for His honor. Please pray that the Lord would provide the necessary funds to cover the expenses required to host this conference.

**Our Annual Youth
Conference** will be held at the end of February.

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