



## PERU QUARTERLY REPORT



## **Impact**

- Twenty-three teens graduated from our entrepreneurial baking course. One is now operating a confectionery business. The Lighthouse project serves over 300 people in an impoverished community in the Peruvian jungle. The student who runs her own company finances her studies and provides for her family.
- 2. Five women overcame violence and poverty to become successful business owners. At our family center in Manchay, a community on the outskirts of Lima marked by poverty and violence, 17 vulnerable women have benefited from our holistic support and
- entrepreneurship program, and five are running their own companies. These women, mostly mothers, are part of a fellowship where they support each other, counsel each other on their life plans, and develop a vibrant relationship with God.
- 3. Four children are reunited with their families and living free of fear and violence. The successful reintegrations included two children from Friends of Peru and two from Juniper Tree. It was an arduous process involving meticulous family identification research, training, coordination with government officials, and transition support.

A Teenager Overcomes Violence and Abandonment

Sixteen-year-old Maria traveled from Guatemala to live in Peru. Her father was murdered. Her mother abandoned her. She suffered abuse that left scars both on her body and soul. Maria attempted to take her own life – twice. She survived by God's grace.

That same grace led her to Kids Alive Peru. Maria began to heal through intensive therapies at a local Kids Alive home. She rediscovered her love of drawing and enrolled in a computer science course. She rose above her turbulent past and strengthened her relationship with the Lord. Maria aspires to be a lawyer, determined to defend those who cannot protect themselves.

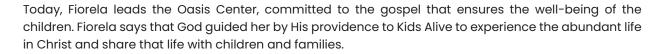
You can be like Maria. You can give children a voice. You can restore their right to live in a healthy family environment. You can nurture their spiritual walk, helping them every step of the way to be a part of the advancement of God's Kingdom.

All children are children of God. Please stand with us to end the cycle of poverty and abuse that kids like Maria experience. Today, give them a gift to help them move forward, know God's love, and thrive.

## A Teacher Finds Christ at Kids Alive

Fiorela grew up in poverty. Her quality of life improved after she went to school and became a first-grade teacher, but she remained spiritually poor, not knowing God. One day, Fiorela accepted a position with Kids Alive Peru. She initially thought it was just another teaching position, not fully understanding the depth of our work with children. Fiorela's labors at Kids Alive reminded her of her childhood days. The passion the people she worked with had for children who were like she once was touched her heart and drew her to Christ.

Fiorela began to grow in God's grace, immersing herself in God's word and participating in Bible studies with other staff. She partook in trauma training courses, which helped her confront her own childhood trauma. In short, Fiorela came to Kids Alive with teaching credentials, but her experience there introduced her to her Savior and helped her overcome the scars of her past



## **Events**

- 1. The Peruvian media covered Kids Alive Peru's collaborative efforts to protect children. Our staff organized, hosted, and led a three-day training and workshop event in Pucallpa called Justice that Heals. Over 100 students and 80 protection advocates (including government officials and university professors) attended the events.
- 2. One hundred and twenty children from Pucallpa attended a sexual abuse prevention program.

  Kids Alive Peru took measures to prevent these crimes in a city with the highest abuse rates in the region. The Lighthouse partners with churches, schools, and communities to create awareness and foster cultural change.
- 3. Around 50 boys and girls at the Family Center in Manchay, Lima, participated in a Bible Club.

  They went through a series entitled The Great Adventure, which teaches them about our Lord and Savior and how He transforms family life.
- **4.** Over 200 people attended the Manchay Free of Fear and Violence initiative. Kids Alive Peru organized this event to eradicate bullying in cooperation with groups dedicated to children's rights. Meetings like this aim to help end violence in schools and regions nationwide.