



New Hope Peru

ANNUAL REPORT

2020

8th Annual

YEAR-END
MATCHING
FUND

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DEAR FRIENDS of New Hope,

This year, we celebrated 25 years of caring for orphaned and vulnerable children in Peru. As we reflect on this, we are humbled by the many partners that have made this work possible. And while this update will indeed reflect the many organizational accomplishments over the past 25 years, it will also reflect the many important partnerships that have been formed. We strongly believe that while these partnerships have enabled us to do our work effectively, they have also, in return, been an encouragement and blessing to those who support us to carry out the healing and redemptive nature of the work in Peru. And for this we are so very grateful!



I want to draw your attention to a few highlights in this update. First, we want you to see the many lives that have been transformed by our work in Peru. The children that come to us are never forgotten. During our COVID outreach, I interacted with adults that were living with us 25 years ago, when they were small children. And while some still struggle with issues related to abandonment, a common theme with all of them was their fond memories of their time at New Hope. Second, please take some time to read and reflect on where we are headed as an organization. As I have mentioned in previous updates, we are in the process of amplifying our care to include a more intentional focus on family-based care. This means that we will allocate our time and resources to include things like foster-care, more focused family reintegration, and adoption. Last, we hope you will consider giving to our year-end campaign. Over 30% of our budget depends on this campaign. And each year, our partners give above and beyond to ensure we meet our needs.

As always, I would love to hear from you if you have any questions about our work.

In Christ,
Tony Bolos



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CHILDREN IN OUR FAMILY-STYLE HOME

We've continued our trademark family-style care to provide a safe home for orphaned and vulnerable children when they don't have or can't safely be living with their own families.

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YOUNG ADULTS IN OUR ONSITE TRANSITION APARTMENTS

We have **3** young ladies and **3** young men living in our transitional apartments while they are pursuing vocational training and/or higher education. They continue to be part of our New Hope community onsite while gaining skills for independent living.

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EMERGENCY PLACEMENT

New placements were low due to COVID, but we are providing a safe and loving home for **1** child who needed a temporary placement while in the process of adoption.

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KIDS IN THE REINTEGRATION PROCESS

Our social work team is supporting **10** families in the reintegration process, working creatively during quarantine to connect by phone and video when possible. We hope to see many of these families reunited in the coming year!

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SIBLING SET IN PROCESS OF KINSHIP REINTEGRATION

3 young adult siblings are being supported to establish themselves in a nearby apartment, working toward accepting guardianship of their **3** younger siblings in the coming year.

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COMPLETED ADOPTION!

We are delighted to report that the adoption of one of our long-time kids at New Hope, Marcos, was finalized and he is now forever a part of one of our New Hope missionary families, Matt and Nicole Statley!

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

This year we celebrated our 25th Anniversary of serving orphaned and vulnerable children in Arequipa, Peru! From the day we welcomed our first child into the rented home, New Hope has provided a safe home for over 275 children when they needed it most. Many of those children have now grown up and have their own families. Many eventually returned to their parents or extended family members after receiving the support and assistance they needed. Some have been adopted into families both within Peru and abroad.

It has been a privilege to serve these children and families in Jesus' name over the past 25 years. We have grown, we have learned, and we have adapted to best meet the unique needs of children living apart from their families.

Our 25 years of service has fostered unique connections within our city of Arequipa. We frequently encounter police officers, government officials, locals and fellow expats who knew us in the early days and now see the impact we've made over 25 years. We are well connected to a large network of churches who are growing in their understanding and involvement in caring for vulnerable children in their city. We have relationships with judges and elected officials that help to advance the cause of vulnerable children. God has blessed and multiplied our efforts over the years and He has done great things here!

A huge THANK YOU to each and every one who has given, served and prayed for New Hope's ministry over the past 25 years!

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RESIDENTIAL CARE

New Hope Peru continues to provide a safe and loving home for vulnerable children who are separated from their families for a variety of reasons. Our family-based care model provides a setting where children are known and cared for as individuals, receiving the care and support they need. Additionally, they get the support of our social workers and psychologists to help them navigate the difficult life situations each one of them has had to endure.

We are so proud of our kids and staff for the ways they have adapted and embraced the challenges of 2020!



training

Our staff received excellent training on trauma-based care models, family-based care, Trust-Based Relational Interventions (a support model for at-risk children) and many other workshops and learning opportunities. Some of this excellent training happened in-person before COVID hit, and much happened over Zoom as the world moved online!



clubs

The kids enjoyed special activities like LEGO Club where they gathered weekly to think and build creatively according to the weekly theme. We loved seeing their creativity and problem solving skills flourish in this setting!



workshops

Our staff coordinated fun workshops and activities for the kids at New Hope to help them learn about topics like managing difficult emotions, personal hygiene, communication, handling romantic relationships, and other interpersonal skills.



remote learning

The whole community at New Hope adapted to remote learning as COVID hit just as the school year was set to begin. Our kids have been tuning in to their educational lessons through national television and radio programming, online resources, and voice messages sent via What's App (a texting service used widely in Peru).

Family

ORPHAN CARE

Over the years, many of the kids who have come to New Hope were orphaned through the death of one or both parents. But the majority of our kids have been “social orphans” — children who have found themselves living without the protection and loving care of their parents due to social reasons like extreme poverty, addiction issues, domestic abuse and other serious challenges.

As a member of the Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO), we affirm their Core Principles, including:

The Priority of Family: Both Scripture and social science affirm that the very best environment for children is a safe, loving, permanent family. When this is not possible, the goal for each child should be — as a general rule — to move as far as possible along the “spectrum of care” options toward permanent family. Care for children should always be as safe, nurturing and close to family as is feasible for the given situation.

Believing that family is best for children, a key piece of New Hope’s work over the past 10 years has been supporting families to help them be reunited when possible. Over the past several years, we have increased our focus on family-based solutions while we have also increased our focus on providing family-style residential care.

Our investment of time and energy in seeing family-based solutions become a reality in Arequipa includes advocating for family reintegration, “kinship care” from extended family members, advancing adoption possibilities and investing in the development of foster-care in Arequipa.

Believing that God’s intention is for children to live in safe, loving families, we look forward to continuing our care for children at New Hope while working toward a world where they can be placed in families whenever possible!



God sets
the lonely
in families

PSALM 68:6a

FAMILY-BASED WORK

New Hope has continued the family reintegration work that we have been a part of for many years, believing that a safe and loving family is best for all children.

In 2020, our office staff achieved a goal of having a detailed care plan for each child at New Hope with anticipated timelines and objectives for reunifying children and families who are eligible. Support and coaching is offered to parents who are hoping to strengthen their parenting skills and overcome the challenges that originally led to them being separated from their kids.

Children who do not have families to reintegrate with have detailed care plans that include pursuing adoption. We have learned over time that being a constant voice in the ear of the adoptions workers helps to ensure our cases are not forgotten!

The foundations for foster care in Arequipa have continued to be built over Zoom during 2020! We have participated in many meetings with Peruvian government agencies, judges, and other service providers to help share a vision of children being cared for by loving, trained families while separated from their own families. In 2021, we hope to relaunch our Sunday mentoring program where families are matched with a child or sibling set from New Hope and spend Sunday afternoons with them in their family home. Our hope is to help families get a taste of what it would look like to care for a child in their home through foster care in the future.

Reunited



This year we have had the opportunity to support the reunification of one of our long-time New Hope kids with his mother after 8 years of separation. RJ¹ came to New Hope at age 2 when his mom, Flor¹, was imprisoned. Flor and RJ have maintained contact through special visits over the years, and as Flor's release date drew closer, plans were made to help her reintegrate with RJ and get custody of him again.

COVID caused some challenges to their usual visits, but they were able to communicate by phone during the quarantine. After her release date was delayed due to the COVID quarantine measures, Flor was released from prison this fall and is eager to establish herself to reunite with RJ. One of the necessary steps to make this hope a reality is for RJ's mom to find stable employment to support his basic needs, but finding stable employment is especially difficult right now with the record high unemployment rates as a result of COVID, made even harder for a former inmate.

As Flor was looking for employment, we had a position open in the kitchen at New Hope and the idea of hiring Flor came up among our office staff. The head chef at New Hope interviewed both Flor and another applicant, giving them each a trial period of several days in the kitchen to prove themselves. At the end of the week, Flor was offered the job by our head chef, having earned it through her own hard work. She is now working at New Hope and progressing toward her goal of being self-sufficient so that she can regain custody of her son. In the meantime, RJ is able to see his mom most days after so many years of being apart. We are grateful for this special opportunity to play a role in what we hope will be this family's reintegration story!

COVID IMPACT

The impact of COVID-19 hit quickly and deeply after the first case was detected on March 6 and the country went into a strict lockdown quarantine on March 15. Peru soon faced dire conditions related to the pandemic, including the highest COVID-19 mortality rate in the world and the worst economic impact in the world². Many complex social and cultural reasons have contributed to this, including:

- **Over 70% of employees are in the informal sector, creating an imbalanced economic structure that made staying home orders catastrophic.**
- **Less than half of Peruvian households have a refrigerator, which mean public markets are frequented almost daily; public markets quickly became hotbeds of COVID-19 infection.**
- **Many Peruvians still live together in multigenerational family homes, so one positive case quickly spread to the most vulnerable members of extended families.**
- **Widespread diagnostic testing was accomplished through rapid antibody tests, which were a fraction of the cost of molecular tests, but could not detect early cases of the virus. This misuse of the rapid antibody tests contributed to the rapid spread of cases in Peru.³**

In our city of Arequipa, the medical system reached a point of collapse, with COVID-19 patients waiting, and often dying, in chairs and tents on the streets outside the hospital. Ventilators and ICU care was scarce before the pandemic, and, despite efforts to obtain more

medical equipment, thousands of patients did not have access to the care they needed to survive COVID.

In April, we launched our COVID-19 Relief Fund to help meet the very immediate needs of individuals who were suffering under the quarantine restrictions. Over \$54,000 was raised to provide food baskets, offer financial assistance for basic needs, and to assist churches in meeting the needs within their congregations and communities as well. We still remember the tearful gratitude of parents who had been feeding their children sugar water for several days, Venezuelan refugees who had already lost so much and were now facing even greater distress.

As a community at New Hope, we have grieved with many of our staff and community members as they have lost family members to COVID over the past 6 months. The majority of our staff have now had COVID and several are still recovering many months later. Nearly all of the boys at New Hope and about half of the girls have had COVID as well.

Schooling has been done through remote learning for the entire academic year, which started in March and will end in December. Churches are still not allowed to gather and individuals are restricted from gathering with anyone other than the family members they live with. Children are now allowed to be outdoors for 1 hour a day, within 500 meters of their home. Even with these parameters, Peru is preparing for the second wave to hit as they have reopened over several months to alleviate the severe economic impact of shutdown.



COVID RELIEF FUND

-  **\$54,312**
Donated
-  **988**
Relief baskets distributed
-  **22**
Churches resourced with cash and baskets
-  **\$25,000**
given in cash support for rent, utilities, diapers and formula, medical care, etc.

We know that in times like these, it is often those who were most vulnerable who suffer the most. Our hope is to continue providing a consistent service to vulnerable children and their families, while adapting our work to best meet the demands of these unprecedented circumstances of the pandemic.

YOUR GIVING MAKES DIFFERENCE.

“ God's entire focus of the Bible is His rescue story of the human race. I love reading in Psalm 18 the imagery of God reaching down from on high, plucking us out of a pit, and setting us in a spacious place to live and breathe with Him. The work being done at New Hope embodies this verse beautifully. My husband and I are honored to come alongside New Hope and support their endeavors. I love the way New Hope supports the whole child through meeting his or her physical, mental, spiritual and emotional needs.

I also really get excited when I hear stories of New Hope working with local government and church leaders to build a foster care system within Peru. It has been heartbreaking to read about the devastation COVID-19 has brought to Peru. It makes supporting a place like New Hope all the more important in the coming years. ”

— *Danelle*, New Hope donor



Casita Sponsors

Our sponsorship program provides a unique connection between donors and one of our casitas (little houses) of kids in our residential care program. Sponsors receive letters and photo cards twice a year with updates on the work we are doing to support these children wherever they are in the spectrum of family-based care: reintegration with their families, adoption eligibility, or as likely long-term placements at New Hope.

Sponsors then partner with us by praying in these specific ways for the children in their casita as well. Funds from our Casita Sponsors help to meet the daily care needs of all the children at New Hope.

Year-End & One-time Gifts

Donations to our year-end giving and other one-time gifts during the year help to ensure costs are met, make special projects and events possible during the year, such as specialized training for our staff.



Give online at:
donate.newhopeperu.org or



Mail a check to:
New Hope Peru
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Ways to Give

Give Monthly

Becoming a monthly financial partner is the most effective way to support the work being done at New Hope. It allows our monthly budgets to be as accurate and effective as possible. Our regular financial partners receive a special email newsletter and video twice a year, the New Hope Insider, with key updates on what's happening at an organizational level.

YEAR-END MATCHING FUND

As we look toward the end of what has been a tumultuous financial year for many individuals and nonprofits, we are grateful for the largely sustained giving that has come in to support New Hope's work. A breakdown of our 2020 financial reporting can be seen here, along with the expected shortfall of \$48,000.

Our Board of Directors has generously established it's **8th Annual Year-End Matching Fund** to help us meet these financial needs and prepare for the work ahead in 2021. This year's matching fund of **\$45,000** allows your impact through financial giving (beyond normal monthly giving*) to be doubled, with year-end donations being matched dollar-for-dollar up to our goal of \$45,000!

As we work to increase our monthly financial partners as well, any new monthly donations that are established during our Year-End Campaign will be applied to the matching fund as well!

As you consider the ways in which you will join in God's work in the world, we would be honored to have your financial partnership as we serve orphaned and vulnerable children and their families in Arequipa.

Donations to the Year-End Matching Fund can be made online at donate.newhopeperu.org or by check, made out to and mailed (postmarked by December 31) to: New Hope Peru • PO Box 107 • Yorkville, NY 13495



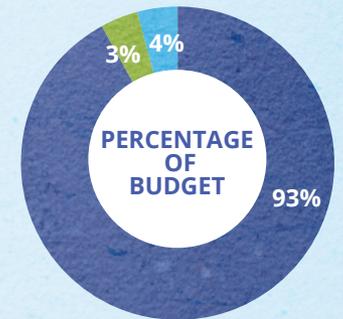
Your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to our goal of \$45,000!

*The intent behind the Board's Matching Fund is to increase donations beyond normal monthly giving to cover our annual budget and fund our work in the year ahead. For this reason, standard monthly donations and designated donations are not eligible for matching.



2020 Budget as of Nov 1, 2020

INCOME	
Contributions	\$371,731
Grants	\$17,325
Total Income	\$389,056
EXPENSE	
Program Expense	\$386,429
Fundraising Expense	\$14,597
Administration Expense	\$13,902
Total Expense	\$414,928
CURRENT 2020 SHORTFALL	(\$25,875)
PROJECTED YEAR-END SHORTFALL 2020	(\$48,000)



- Program Expense
- Fundraising Expense
- Administration Expense

Isabell's Story

Hello everyone!

My name is Isabell. I'm 23 years old and from Germany. On February 15th, I made my way to Lima, Peru to volunteer with a Christian organization. After 2 weeks I realized I needed to take Spanish classes and was connected with a language school in Arequipa, where I planned to study for 4 weeks. The COVID-19 pandemic started two weeks later and I found myself stuck in Arequipa, unable to return to Lima. My host family knew of a children's home in Arequipa and I was able to begin volunteering at New Hope, helping out during this challenging time.

I instantly loved the place and was happy that I had the chance to get to know all of the children that lived there at the time. During the quarantine, all of the kids had to do online-school and classes via television and radio, so they were pretty busy every morning.

There was only one child, Luis, who did not have classes yet because he



was only 2-years-old then. So right there was how I could best help the children's home - caring for Luis while his house-mom was busy helping the other kids doing their schoolwork. While it took us a little while to get to know each other and feel comfortable

spending every day together, after a few weeks we had a great bond and had a lot of fun playing, running, laughing and interrupting the office workers once in a while, just by dropping by and getting all that attention Luis wanted!

I came to Peru with the wish in my heart to study social work when I got back to Germany and working at New Hope only made that desire to help children, or just anyone in need, so much bigger. To see what Tony and his team have created in Arequipa - a home for children who were not safe where they came from, made me so happy. Every day I saw the big smiles on their faces.

Now that I'm back home, studying international social work, I miss New Hope very, very much and can't wait to go back and see all the friends I was able to make during my time there. I'm very grateful for every day I got to spend at a home that was filled with so much love and laughter!

GET INVOLVED!

Visit New Hope:

There's hardly a better way to understand New Hope's mission than by coming to visit! We provide mission teams with secure, onsite accommodation and an experience that helps to provide understanding of the situation facing orphans and vulnerable children in Peru, while also getting teams actively involved in service projects. Many teams have focused on work projects to improve New Hope's campus and coordinate activities for the kids who live at New Hope. We are now making plans to expand our reach beyond the New Hope walls through service projects for the families we are supporting and projects in the communities that New Hope serves. *Interested in coming to visit? We would love for you to be able to visit and experience New Hope in person!*



Text Partners:

Are you interested in what's happening on the ground at New Hope and how you can be praying with us? By texting the word Peru to 474747, you'll be added to our text update list to get updates on important happenings and prayer requests! (Available for US numbers only at this time.)

Race In Place:

We coordinated our first **Race In Place** in the summer of 2020 as an opportunity for people to join together for a common goal from where they lived all over the country. Participants chose their own distance to run or walk on our selected race day and invited friends and family to join them. This year we raised money specifically to hire teachers to provide the educational support for the kids during this year of virtual learning due to COVID. *We plan on doing another Race In Place in the summer of 2021 and would love to have you join us!*



Donation Drives:

Would your church or community like to participate in raising funds for specific needs, like books to add to our library or new shoes for our kids and their families? We have had churches sponsor "virtual donation drives" to help provide these items at New Hope and it's a great hands-on way of meeting a need from afar!

VBS or Event-based Partnership:

Would your church be interested in supporting New Hope through your next VBS, Christmas pageant, or church sponsored event? We love partnering with churches to help them learn more about orphan care in Peru and what God is doing through New Hope while participants collect donations to support our mission work. *We would love to partner with you in this way!*

Prayer Group:

Do you find prayer to be a wonderful way to participate in God's work in the world? We are dreaming of gathering together a group of people who are interested in supporting New Hope through concentrated prayer over specific needs and issues. A monthly theme would be communicated to the prayer group, along with prayer prompts for specific things. Ideas are also being generated about organizing a monthly Zoom call to pray "together" with other people on the New Hope Prayer team.

If you would like to get involved in any of these ways, email info@newhopeperu.org for more information!

MISSION

To serve orphaned and vulnerable children of Peru; to demonstrate the love of Christ in our actions and manner of work; to provide physical, emotional and spiritual care for the children entrusted to us.



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NOTES

1. Names have been changed to protect their privacy
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VISION

To see children heal from the trauma they have experienced and be enabled to flourish — establishing a personal, life changing faith in Jesus Christ, developing skills to make positive personal choices, engaging in healthy personal and family relationships, and being actively involved in their local communities and vocational choices.

