



New Hope Peru

*Snapshot*  
**2021**  
ANNUAL REPORT



**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**YEAR-END**  
**MATCHING**  
**FUND**

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# DEAR FRIENDS OF NEW HOPE,

As I reflect on 2021, there is so much to be grateful for and so much hope for the years ahead.



We continue to see children rescued from abuse, placed in families, and given the opportunity to heal, forgive, and move forward with their lives. As we look to the future, we are still hopeful that our goal of family-based care will become a reality for children who are separated from their own families. I've had several encouraging meetings with congressmen who understand the need and urgency of family-based care and are helping us navigate the political world of Peru.

Our goal, in all of this, is to receive the necessary permissions to launch a pilot program in Peru (with 4 other institutions) where vulnerable children placed in our care by the state can, ultimately, be given a chance to be cared for in families instead of institutions. Please continue to pray with us that this will soon become a reality!

I want to highlight a couple of stories in our 2021 Annual Report that have encouraged all of us at New Hope this year. First, in line with our desire to see kids in families, **the story of a long-awaited adoption of 3 siblings** is one you don't want to miss. It's a story of selflessness, hope, healing, and ultimately joy. Thank you to all of you who followed this story and prayed along with us in this journey. Second, take a look at the **Deli Esperanza project**. In 2018, Migali Industries in Philadelphia donated commercial kitchen equipment to New Hope. We soon realized that with the current staff and the donated equipment we could start a small business to also sell lunches to businesses in Peru to generate funds for New Hope's work. As you will see below, this has finally become a reality.

As we look ahead to 2022, we expect to continue strengthening our residential care team, supporting family reintegration and adoption whenever possible, and working toward the goal of having 5 fully trained foster families ready for placement. Each page of this report tells of the great work that is happening at New Hope, and your support and encouragement continues to make it possible. **Thank you for considering how you can partner in the work God is doing at New Hope as we wrap up 2021 and step into the New Year!**

In Christ,  
Tony Bolos, Executive Director

\* Some names or photos may be changed to help protect the identities of the individual stories being shared.



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# 2021 at a glance

35

**35 kids cared for in our residential home:** We continue to provide family-style care for children who cannot safely stay with their own families.

8

**8 new kids in our residential care:** We welcomed 8 new children between the ages of 14 months and 16 years into our care at New Hope.

6

**6 kids officially adopted:** Two sibling sets of 3 kids each were adopted into safe and loving families after a long delay in adoptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

13

**13 kids in the reintegration process:** Our social work team is working to explore reintegration possibilities with 6 families (parents or extended family members) and provide support to facilitate successful reintegrations to family-based care.

3

**3 graduates in our transition program:** We have 3 young adults living in our transitional housing while working toward their vocational / higher education goals. They continue to be part of our New Hope community while preparing for independent living.

6

**6 siblings reunited through a kinship care arrangement:** 3 young adult siblings were able to take over the guardianship of their younger 3 siblings who were in care at New Hope. We are assisting them with housing and regular support from our staff as they are living independently as a family unit.

15

**15 Alumni supported through our benevolence fund:** Financial support was provided to young adults who grew up at New Hope for various needs, including vocational training, medical care, small business loans, emergency funds for housing and utilities, and emergency medical care for family members.



# STORIES OF *New Hope*



## Gabriel

**Gabriel is one of an estimated 1,000,000 Venezuelan refugees living in Peru due to the grave humanitarian crisis in their home country.** His father stayed behind while Gabriel, his mother and older sister made the long journey to Peru in hopes of finding work. His mom found work in Lima but not enough to support her family.

At age 16, Gabriel decided to travel south to Chile in hopes of finding more opportunity there, while his older sister traveled up to Colombia with a similar hope. He bought a squeegee to wash windshields for cars stopped at major intersections, earning enough to feed himself each day and save a bit to continue traveling south. He slowly worked his way down to Arequipa and planned to stay until he had enough money to continue on to Chile.

A car ran over his squeegee one day, destroying it and his only source of income. Gabriel quickly ran out of money and had been without food for several days when desperation took over. He stole a cell phone out of the hand of a pedestrian and took off running. To his surprise, the man chased him down and a fight erupted; several witnesses observed the scene and called the police. When they arrived, the police officers found that Gabriel was an unaccompanied minor with no form of identification or documentation. They took him into custody and the next day he was placed in our care at New Hope.

## RESIDENTIAL CARE

Family-style residential care for children continues to be the foundation of New Hope's service to orphaned and vulnerable children. Our social work team prepares an individual care plan for each child that comes to New Hope, including a plan to either:

- Provide family strengthening services for parents in crisis who hope to regain custody of their kids
- Conduct family tracing services to identify extended family members who are able to care for the kids if their parents are not able to
- Pursue adoption eligibility for children who have no options to return to family-based care
- Establish a long-term care plan for older children who aren't eligible for any of the family-based options

Meanwhile, the rest of our team is busy providing family-style care for the kids, aiming to provide each child with the care and support they need as an individual with unique needs and interests. Our staff participate in regular ongoing training to best equip them for the work they are doing at New Hope.

This year we welcomed eight new kids to New Hope, each one with a different set of circumstances that led them to us, but each with the same need for safe, loving care in a time of crisis. We're honored to share two of their stories with you on the following pages.

After living on the streets and caring for himself, living at New Hope was a big adjustment for Gabriel initially but he has become one of our most helpful and reliable older teens. He is currently taking an accelerated secondary school course and will graduate in December. He has an interest in auto mechanics, and we were able to get him a part-time job with a trusted mechanic to gain experience and responsibility.

Gabriel will stay with us until he turns 18, when he will have a choice of staying on while he studies or moving out on his own.

**We are grateful to be a part of Gabriel's life at a time when he needed it and to provide both care and encouragement to him through our work.**



# More LITTLE LIVES CHANGED

## Kassandra

In early July, we received a call to take in a baby with special needs. **Kassandra was a 14-month-old baby with a severe cleft palate that had prevented her from ever having her nutritional needs met.** She weighed a mere 11 pounds and was developmentally delayed. Her parents suffer from alcohol addiction that has rendered them incapable of caring for their children. Kassandra's aunt had done her best but could no longer cope with the additional strain of caring for Kassandra and her two brothers in addition to her own children. Simply feeding Kassandra was a full-time job, as she is unable to suck and needed to receive milk drop-by-drop throughout the day.

Government social workers had become aware of her case and were desperately searching for a better placement for her, but no other children's home would take her. We knew we didn't have the financial resources to hire the extra caregivers she would need, nor to cover the critical medical care that was clearly needed, but in faith we said yes, knowing that God would provide the means to care for her.

Kassandra arrived the next day – the size of a 6-month-old baby, listless in our arms. She couldn't grasp an object in her hand or respond to the eye contact or voices of our staff.

We took her directly to a clinic to have a nasal feeding tube inserted to deliver the nutrition she desperately needed. Within 24 hours of receiving proper nutrition, Kassandra began to perk up. She responded to her caregivers as they talked to her and would turn to look for them when they spoke. Within 48 hours, she could grasp onto their fingers, and within 72 hours she was smiling and cooing. The doctors believe she was nearing the point of starving to death when she arrived at New Hope. We are so grateful that the Lord brought her to us just in time.

When we shared Kassandra's story with our donor base in July, we were simply astonished at the response. Enough funds were received to provide for her care well into 2022, including full-time caregivers and the anticipated medical care she will need to repair her cleft palate through multiple surgeries, as well as therapy to learn to swallow, speak and eat whole foods.



**Kassandra is gaining weight and strength each day. We delight in each new skill and milestone she reaches!**

Her doctors hope that she will be strong enough to undergo her first surgery by the end of the year. We know there is a long road ahead for Kassandra but we have such great hope for all the Lord will do in her life!

**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.



## FAMILY-BASED CARE

Believing that children thrive best in families has been a key piece of New Hope's work over the past 10 years. We continue to increase our focus on identifying and supporting family members of children at New Hope who can be supported to become the primary caregivers for these children.

This year we reintegrated 6 kids to the care of their families and made numerous trips and home visits for children in the reintegration process. Each situation is different and the work is slow as we patiently gather information and make decisions. We pray regularly for God's wisdom in each case that our team is working on and greatly appreciate your prayers as well!



## Rodrigo

In November 2019, Rodrigo came to New Hope as a true orphan. His mother had passed away from chronic health problems and his father was later killed in a car accident. Rodrigo was initially placed in the care of an uncle, which turned into an abusive situation that was worsened by Rodrigo's developmental delays.

Our social work team spent a year and half doing family tracing work, trying to identify an extended family member to care for Rodrigo. After making three home visits to various family members, Rodrigo's aunt was approved to take custody of him.

Because of the abuse Rodrigo had suffered in the past, the government social workers required that Rodrigo have his own bedroom, physically separated from the rest of the house. His aunt was willing to care for Rodrigo, but did not have the financial means to meet this requirement. We shared this need with our donor base and were again amazed by the quick response of donations that allowed construction to begin almost immediately on Rodrigo's bedroom!

Our social work team now makes ongoing visits to check on Rodrigo and to support their reintegration process. We are encouraged by how well things are going.

**It is wonderful to see Rodrigo flourishing in the care of his own family members, just as God truly intends!**



## Jack

Jack came to New Hope when he was 4-years-old after his home situation had become abusive, which neighbors had reported to the local authorities. The web of extended family members in Jack's case is quite complicated and our social work team, together with government social workers, have made a number of home visits over the past year to determine if a return to family is in Jack's best interest.

Jack comes from a small town that sits at 13,000 feet elevation in the Andes Mountains. Many of the people there speak Quechua more fluently than Spanish, so one of our team members, Abel, has gone along to provide Quechua translation to ensure the best possible communication among everyone involved.

The possibility of family reintegration often brings many competing values to the table, and it is the difficult work of our social work team to sort through it all and make a recommendation on the case of each child. It remains unclear what will happen in Jack's case, but we do know this process is important and whatever the outcome is, Jack will benefit from the diligent work that goes into making this decision.





## ADOPTION

Nearly all adoption efforts came to a halt when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, but 2021 brought the welcomed news that 6 kids from New Hope were in the final stages of adoption approval! It was an emotional process for everyone at New Hope as we sent two sibling sets of 3 children each into the arms of their new adoptive families. As we look back on 2021, **the adoption of these 6 children into safe and loving families is an absolute highlight for us all!**

“Adoption is a very long process. I joined the staff at New Hope nearly 2 years ago and from the time I arrived, I was working on these adoptions — writing reports, doing evaluations, and learning the stories of these children who were living at New Hope but were now eligible for adoption. At the same time, we were working closely with the adoptions team for the local government, getting to know the officials who were in charge of this process and trying to build strong working relationships with their social worker, psychologist and lawyer.



**Kim, Social Worker at New Hope Peru**

It is a difficult process to get an adoption fully approved. This year, after much hard work we successfully had 6 kids approved for adoption — three of them went to Lima, and the other three went to Spain.

**It was a lot to go through, personally; there's so much joy in seeing them successfully placed into families, and at the same time we really miss the kids after spending so much time with them during this process.**

There were times when we doubted that the sibling groups would be able to be adopted together; it's a complex process and there were so many ups and downs.

But this dream that we had for them has finally come true — they are part of a family again. It's very exciting to be a part of that dream and to be part of their lives in this way. It has made me want to continue working every day, learning more about the adoption process, and continuing to be part of this life changing experience for the kids and their new families.”

## WATCHING A FAMILY BE BORN

**In April 2019, Maricielo was making a difficult decision. At 13-years-old, she and her 5-year-old twin siblings, Gerardo and Esmeralda, had recently been made eligible for adoption.**

Maricielo knew that statistically it was unlikely that they would be selected from the adoptions list together as a sibling set since she was so much older and was entering her teenage years. As much as she longed to be part of a family herself, she didn't want to hinder the chances of her younger siblings being adopted. Maricielo eventually decided to separate herself legally from her siblings, which would allow them to be adopted without her.

The COVID-19 pandemic then brought all adoption processes to a halt for many months. In late 2020, we learned that Gerardo and Esmeralda's file was being looked at by Sara, a potential adoption match in Lima, the capital city of Peru. Shortly thereafter, we learned that Sara was interested in adopting not just the twins, but Maricielo also. It seemed too good to be true and we all tried to hold loosely to the possibility, bracing for disappointment. As the process continued into 2021, Sara confirmed that she wanted to adopt all three siblings and keep them together as a family. Our team was tearfully overjoyed to see how God had worked to bring this unlikely dream into reality.

In May, all of the final steps for their adoption were completed and Sara came to Arequipa to pick up the kids. On the morning of our final goodbye, we prayed over them all, said our difficult goodbyes, and cheered and waved as they drove off to the airport as a new family. What a beautiful thing to see a family be born. We give thanks to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine!



*God sets the lonely in families.*  
Psalm 68:6a



## DONOR INVOLVEMENT

Our fabulous donor base consistently turns their shared care and compassion for the kids at New Hope into action and we are so very grateful! There have been so many wonderful donors involved in 2021 — here are just a few highlights!

### VBS Partnerships

Several of our church partners involved their kids in supporting New Hope's mission and **over \$800 was raised** through various VBS programs this summer! We are always so encouraged to hear about the ways churches are helping kids to connect with God's work around the world.

### Deli Esperanza

With great joy, **Deli Esperanza was launched in 2021!**

It is the result of several years of planning and working together, with several mission teams helping with the construction of our kitchen, Migali Industries donating the commercial kitchen equipment, and our kitchen team working hard to receive our final approval this year to open our small business endeavor!



Culturally in Peru it is common for an employer to provide lunch for their employees. In fact, local mining companies frequently offer work contracts that include the provision of all three daily meals. Deli Esperanza is now working with local businesses and several international mining companies to provide these meals for their contracted employees.

This new business project allows us to create additional jobs in our New Hope community and also generate a profit to help to fund the work we are doing with vulnerable children and families. We are so proud of the team that has worked so hard to launch Deli Esperanza, which is now up and running with professionalism and excellence!

### Race in Place

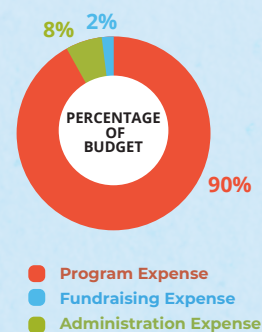
Over 70 people participated in our **2nd Annual Race in Place** this year! As churches, families, friends and individuals across the United States chose a time, place and activity for their personal Race in Place event, over \$6,000 was collectively raised to provide nutritious meals each day for the kids at New Hope! We had runners, walkers, bikers, hikers, river tubers, and swimmers all putting a purpose behind their activity to support New Hope's work in this way. A huge THANK YOU to all who participated! Join us next summer for our 3rd Annual Race in Place!



## FUNDING Snapshot

### 2021 Budget as of Nov 1, 2021

INCOME	
Contributions	\$382,596
Grants	\$26,404
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$409,000</b>
EXPENSE	
Program Expense	\$389,974
Fundraising Expense	\$8,180
Administration Expense	\$36,890
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$435,044</b>
CURRENT 2021 SHORTFALL	(\$26,044)
PROJECTED YEAR-END SHORTFALL 2021	(\$37,000)



## WAYS TO GIVE

In 2021, your generous donations have given...

**Kassandra** the life-saving care she needs for her cleft palate, **Gabriel** a safe and supportive home after several years living as a refugee on the streets of Peru, **Rodrigo** the opportunity to live with his own family members in a home that helps him feel safe, **Marcielo, Gerardo and Esmeralda** a chance to be adopted into a safe and loving family.

Your financial giving makes a real difference in the lives of our children and their families!

- **Casita Sponsors and Give Monthly Partners** donate monthly, which allows us to effectively establish our monthly budgets and plan our work accordingly.
- **One-time donations and Special Project donations** make it possible for us to take on urgent projects that come up and meet the many needs that aren't accounted for in our monthly budgets.

## GIVE NOW TO THE 2021 YEAR-END MATCHING FUND



Our **9th Annual Year-End Matching Fund of \$50,000** has been generously established by the Joyce J. Neville Charitable Trust, as allocated by April Nevill Coronado, and several members of our Board of Directors. Donations to the Matching Fund will help to meet our remaining financial needs for 2021 and prepare for the work ahead in 2022. **All donations to the Year-End Matching Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to the goal of \$50,000, doubling the impact of your donation to New Hope's work!**

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.

**You can learn more or donate at [donate.newhopeperu.org](https://donate.newhopeperu.org) or by mailing a check to:**

New Hope Peru  
PO Box 107  
Yorkville, NY 13495

(Postmarked by December 31 for Year-End Matching Fund)

*\*The intent behind the 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.*

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*Learn to do good. Seek justice.  
Defend the cause of the orphans.  
Fight for the rights of widows.*

Isaiah 1:17

## 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.

## 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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