

# DEAR FRIENDS OF NEW HOPE,

As we wrap up 2022, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your generosity this past year. One of the reasons we provide this report is to show exactly how your giving has impacted the lives of the children and families we support. For over 27 years, we have strived to be a Christian institution that provides the best care with the funds we are given. As we grow and develop new strategies as an organization, please know that we will continue to work with excellence to serve the most vulnerable populations of Peru.

One of the key ways in which our organization is evolving is through our staff. When I arrived in 2018, there was an important contingency of US staff working in Arequipa. Much of the key leadership and decision making was provided by our American staff team. Now, we have more than doubled the number of Peruvian staff (nearly 40 at this point!) and placed Peruvians in every leadership position of our on-site organization in Arequipa. Please be sure to look at the story featuring Carla Galarza, our national director, on page 6!



Lastly, I hope, after reading about just some of the lives that have been changed as a result of your financial giving, you will consider a year-end donation. Prices have skyrocketed as the Peruvian currency has plummeted against the dollar this year. We have had to make many adjustments to our budgets and staff wages as costs of food staples like chicken, rice, eggs, and bread have nearly doubled. A significant portion of our annual budget is met through year-end giving and each year, our supporters give above and beyond to ensure we meet our needs.

As always, thank you for your continued support of this work God is doing in Peru.

In Christ,

Tony Bolos, Executive Director

# **OUR PROGRAMS**

Serving the vulnerable children of Peru through family-based initiatives

#### **Residential Care**

Our home for orphaned and vulnerable children provides family-style care for kids who don't have the opportunity to live in a family setting where they are protected from abuse, neglect, and deprivation of basic needs. Our focus on individualized care plans, low child-to-caregiver ratios, and personalized spiritual and emotional support help to reduce the negative impacts of living outside of family-based care.

# Training and Equipping Our Staff

Believing that the best way to bring true change to the care for orphaned and vulnerable children in Peru is by training and equipping nationals, we continually provide training and support for our staff. Topics this year have included trauma-competent caregiving,

TBRI (Trust-Based Relational Intervention), and best practices for residential caregiving. Our staff are now delivering training and leading national efforts focused on best care practices for orphaned and vulnerable children.

# Family-based Care: Family Reintegration, Adoption, Foster Care Pilot Project

Children's cognitive, social, and emotional development are supported when they are loved and protected, have a sense of belonging, and learn the life skills that are integral to growing up within a family. For this reason, we continue to pursue family-based care for every child at New Hope and contribute a large portion of staff time and effort toward establishing greater family-based care opportunities for children in Peru.

#### **Alumni**

Support and interaction with trusted adults doesn't end when a child is emancipated from the care system. We continue to provide personalized support for our alumni as they pursue vocational training or higher education, establish their independence, and navigate the challenges of adult life. With a focus on supportive relationships from our staff and long-term strategies, we provide ongoing care and community for our alumni from the time they finish secondary school.



# **OUR STORIES**

# A live stream on Facebook shared an alarming scene. Two parents, tight in

the grip of conspiracy theories blending

with delusional thoughts, were ranting against Apple products, proclaiming them to be a tool of demon possession. They were purging their home of many items, burning them to bring cleansing and protection from dark spiritual forces. They proclaimed their conviction that they must also burn their children, Carlos\*, a 4-year-old, and Elena\*, a 4-month-old baby, to protect them from evil. As they doused their children in lighter fluid, neighbors who were watching the transmission contacted the police. Officers entered the home before a match was lit, and were able to safely remove the children from the situation.

The Facebook transmission and sensational nature of the case garnered media attention. Child services called our Director at New Hope, pleading with her to accept these two children. Our work with government agencies over the past several years has solidified our reputation as the most qualified home for children in this level of crisis. In the 6 months since they arrived at New Hope, our staff have been working diligently to explore reintegration options with extended family members who have offered to care for Carlos and Elena. We are grateful to be a safe and loving home for them at this time, and to be in a position to support family-based care possibilities for them.





Playful, full of life, and thoughtful are three ways that our staff describe Juan.\* That wasn't

always the case. Juan came to New Hope after an extended stay in the ICU and recovery ward at the hospital. Having suffered horrific abuse from a group of boys at the children's home where he was previously living, Juan arrived at the hospital with severe internal bleeding, a septic infection and such extensive internal damage that major surgery was required to save his life. Caregivers where the abuse happened had dismissed Juan's complaints until he could no longer move without agonizing pain. A place that was supposed to keep him safe had turned out to be far more dangerous and damaging than his previous homelife with an alcoholic parent.

After the crisis was discovered, local authorities ensured that Juan and his siblings would be moved to New Hope. While Juan was in the hospital, his siblings arrived. On their first day, one of Juan's sisters quietly asked her oldest brother, "Will we be safe here?" and solemnly accepted his answer, "I don't know." When Juan was eventually discharged from the hospital and rejoined his siblings at New Hope, he quietly asked his older brother the same question, "Are we safe here?" This time, he gave a confident reply.

"Yes, don't worry. You're going to be safe here."

Juan's case highlights the dangers associated with typical institutional care, where chronic neglect often results from high staff-child ratios,

a lack of personalized care plans and inability to ensure safety for every child. The road to healing, both physically and emotionally, will be a long one for Juan but we know healing is possible. We are grateful to offer family-style care that is focused on his individual needs and to be the safe haven that he and his siblings need so desperately.



The severity of these two cases prompted national media coverage and put our staff in the position of responding to reporters and collaborating with high-profile government officials. Our management of these difficult cases built trust and confidence with government leaders who then began to support and advance our family-based care initiative on a national level. We are humbled to see God working to bring healing not only in the individual lives of the children who have come into our care, but to see a movement of hope and healing beginning on a larger scale as more leaders come to see the importance of family-based solutions for children like Elena, Carlos, and Juan.

# Daniela

Many wonder what happens when children "age out" of the system at age 18 and governmental responsibility comes to an end. On a state level, nothing more happens - they are moved off the caseload and left to navigate life on their own. At New Hope, kids transition into our Alumni Care where they continue to receive individualized care and support as they gain independence.

Daniela\* entered our Alumni Care program at the end of last year. She moved into our supported transitional housing where she lives with several other alumni and a "house mom", a fellow alumni about 15 years further down the road. Our social workers are supporting Daniela as she gains skills for independent living and prepares for higher education or vocational training.

Having grown up at New Hope from a young age, and with 3 younger brothers still living there, Daniela has a passion for social work and would love to become part of a new generation working to see family-based care become a reality for kids like her. Though she is quick to praise the excellent care and support she's received at New Hope over the years, she knows the longing she has always felt to be part of a family.

Daniela has spent the last year preparing to take the entrance exam for the national university, which is tuition-free for those who are accepted. Alternatively, we will help her to enroll at a private university and seek funding for the \$200 monthly tuition. As our alumni enter degree training programs, we offer various ways to earn money and receive in-house scholarship funds. Daniela dreams of becoming a working professional and supporting her brothers when they reach the age of transitioning out of New Hope and begin their own higher education.

The impact of growing up without family only becomes further compounded as young adults begin to navigate the world outside of care.

We are committed to our Alumni Care program as a way of coming alongside our young adults as they navigate significant hurdles and seek to establish themselves in their communities.

Our staff pastor continues to shepherd our older kids as they look to connect with a local church and

see their personal faith take shape. We love Daniela's vision of joining the movement to establish family-based care for other orphaned and vulnerable children and will stand beside her as she pursues that dream and establishes herself outside of New Hope's care.

\*Some names and photos have been changed to protect and respect the confidentiality of these children and their experiences.



# **5 WAYS WE HAVE CARED FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THIS YEAR**



Advancing the congressional agreement to see foster care approved on a national level



Developing a partnership with multiple local churches to welcome one of our casitas of kids as part of their congregation



Training all new staff in trauma-based caregiving and offering ongoing training opportunities for all existing staff



Preparing families for reintegration when kids are able to safely return to the care of parents or extended family members



Supporting education with a team of three educators who oversee schooling and provide afterschool and remedial academic support

## **OUR TEAM**

One of our greatest strengths as an organization is our fantastic team of Peruvian nationals who are leading the onsite work at New Hope Peru. As our American leadership has handed over the program management to our team of Peruvian leaders, we are continually impressed by their skills and experience that are growing and improving the work. Nearly every leadership position of our onsite work at New Hope is held by a national leader with the education, skills, and commitment to carry the work forward.

One key leader is Carla Galarza, our current Director, who has served with us for nearly 4 years. Carla has a background in education and has worked as both



Carla

a teacher and administrator at various leading schools in Arequipa and Lima. Among her many accomplishments at New Hope, she has been key to moving our foster care pilot program forward and has been in every meeting we've had with members of congress and other government officials.

Carla was familiar with New Hope from a young age, having been a close friend of the family who founded New Hope in 1995. This past year, Carla was unpacking some old boxes and found a bible from her early teen years. Inside was a questionnaire



that included a question about what she wanted to do when she was older. She answered, nearly 30 years ago, that she wanted to direct a children's home. We are thrilled that God has brought her to New Hope and for the many ways we see her professionalism, leadership, and Christian faith shaping the future of New Hope.

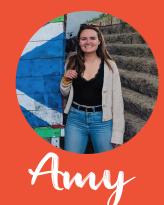
Throughout the past year, our staff have had a number of training opportunities to equip them for the work they are doing and help advance the care of orphaned and vulnerable children in Peru.

Our staff leaders have continued working closely under the mentorship and training of Casa Viva, an excellent organization in Costa Rica with experience in family-based care solutions.



All caregivers receive continual training in Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI), a model of care designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children.

Our lead therapist is becoming certified in a specialized approach to support healing from trauma, allowing us to serve children and families in a new way.



I first visited New Hope at the age of 17, traveling with 20 of my friends from our church in Edinburgh, Scotland. We spent three weeks in Arequipa, mainly playing with the kids, doing some maintenance work, painting murals and some excellent flags (Peruvian and Scottish, of course!).

Ten years on, and I am now an experienced social worker practicing within a safeguarding and child protection team in Wales. I traveled back to New Hope in June 2022 and worked with the social workers for three weeks, exchanging our experiences of social work in the UK and Arequipa and sharing specific tools that we found helpful when working with children. I was lucky to accompany Rose and Kim on home visits to look for ways for the children to be reunified with members of their families.

The main difference that struck me between social work in the UK and in New Hope was the depth of relationships with each child that all the staff in New Hope have.

In New Hope, they do more than care for the kids; in the UK we don't get the opportunity to get to know the children we work with, but in New Hope they know them. From psychologists to kitchen staff, they know the children inside out and this helps mold an environment around each child which makes them feel safe and valued. I believe this makes a huge difference in the lives of children who — for whatever reason — are unable to live with the people who should naturally love and care for them. Children belong within families, and although it sounds cliché to say, this is what New Hope provides for them — a family.

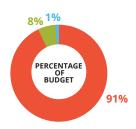
### **FUNDING**

We are grateful to report another year of strong support from our amazing donors who enable us to carry out this work in Peru. A huge thank you to each and every donor who has given to make this year's work possible!

As we look to continue growing and expanding our work in the coming year, we remain committed to financial prudence to ensure the sustainability of our work. A breakdown of our expenses reflect the amount of work that has been done onsite through our Program Expenses, as well as our projected shortfall of \$66,584.

### 2022 Budget as of Nov 1, 2022

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INCOME	
Contributions	\$391,702
Grants	\$43,000
Total Income	\$434,702
EXPENSE	
Program Expense	\$458,961
Fundraising Expense	\$1,507
Administration Expense	\$40,818
Total Expense	\$501,286
CURRENT SHORTFALL	\$66,584



- Program ExpenseFundraising Expense
- Administration Expense

# Second, we will be building and improving our partnerships with local churches in Arequipa. We are launching key training sessions to educate the local churches in Arequipa on residential care, foster care, adoption, and the global movement to see every child cared for in a safe and loving family. We are looking to see the Peruvian church join the movement and see itself as the primary answer to the needs of vulnerable children in its own country and community. One of our key messages to local churches has been this: to recognize the importance of their involvement in caring for vulnerable children by recruiting and supporting foster families from within their congregations, and getting involved in other aspects of the movement in the ways that are accessible to them. We are excited to see all that God will do through the Peruvian church in caring for vulnerable children this coming year!



# **WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2023**

As we move into our 28th year of serving vulnerable children and families of Peru, financial support will continue to serve the vulnerable children and families through our existing programs and by funding our excellent Peruvian staff in their work.

In addition, there are two exciting projects ahead to highlight as we look forward to 2023!

First, the long-awaited pilot foster care program. We recently presented the project to members of congress and a team of Peruvian directors within child welfare services and the project has been tentatively accepted! As things stand now, we just need the Minister of Child Services to sign off on the project and then we can begin implementing the program in Arequipa. To have the opportunity, as a Christian organization, to launch this program is humbling. We know the responsibility that this project entails and need our partners to pray and continue giving to carry this exciting project forward!



Presentation to Congress Members

# **OUR REQUEST**

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Year-End Matching Fund has been established by our Board of Directors and the Joyce J Neville Charitable Trust, as allocated



by April Nevill Coronado. As we move toward the closing of this year and look at the opportunities ahead of us, we are incredibly grateful for the generous financial support that makes our work possible!

Our \$50,000 Year-End Matching Fund will help to cover our remaining expenses this year and ensure the work continues to grow and expand in 2023. Through the matching fund, all financial gifts beyond normal giving will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to our goal of \$50,000! This is a wonderful opportunity to show your support for New Hope's work and double the financial impact of your donation.

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 continue serving orphaned and vulnerable children and families in Arequipa.

Donations can be made online at **donate.newhopeperu.org** or given by check, made payable and mailed to:

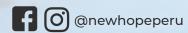
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<sup>\*</sup> The intent behind the Matching Fund is to increase donations beyond normal monthly giving to cover our annual budget and fund our work in the year ahead. For this reason, standard monthly donations and designated donations are not eligible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



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# 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.

# 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.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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