



UPDATES FOR 2024

In 2024, we now have 38 students in Technical Schools in the Amazon jungle, northern desert and Lima areas! Three students graduated in 2023: Roxana (Physical Therapy), Maria Jose (Business Administration), and Vanessa, pictured above (Preschool Education).

There are active volunteers on location in Peru who support the ongoing progress and needs of these deserving young people on a monthly basis.

At the end of January, Dan and Irma O'Connor visited Peru once again with two visitors, Lourdes Roa and Kris Mucher. They visited four sites and several homes of scholars to get updates on their progress and meet new applicants. The hospitality and open-hearted discussion among everyone was most gratifying and fulfilling. At Lomas de Santa Maria in Chaclacayo, the orphans hosted a wonderful program with roller skating, dancing, singing and guitar playing. The skills these girls are learning at the orphanage will last them a lifetime!



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRIP TO PERU

On the second day, we enjoyed a meeting at the home of Juan Carlos and Claudia who are volunteer coordinators in Piura, with ten of our students. Students were gracious and eager to share their experiences and their homes with us. Meeting parents, siblings and pets, brought the reality of the program's impact to life. There are no cliches when you see gratitude and hard-work, face-to-face and heart-to-heart. It was a life-changing trip. for Kris and Lourdes.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Our Donor Spotlight goes to Kris Mucher. Kris visited Peru last month to meet the scholars and to learn more about the work of the scholarships in general. "This trip to Peru provided insight into a poverty-stricken country and confirmed my belief that LSBF is truly a worthwhile cause. This is an opportunity for us to change people's lives and provide them with hope for a better tomorrow."



GRADUATE HIGHLIGHTS

MARIA JOSE GRADUATED IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SHE WAS RAISED BY THE SISTERS FROM BIRTH. SHE IS FROM A REMOTE REGION IN THE ANDES MOUNTAINS CALLED HUANCAMELICA. SHE STUDIED AT THE SISTERS' SCHOOL IN CHACLACAYO, OUTSIDE OF LIMA, AND WENT ON TO STUDY BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN PIURA. PIURA IS A CITY IN THE NORTHERN DESERT, NEAR THE BORDER WITH ECUADOR. SHE IS VERY THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE GIVEN HER TO STUDY AND SHE HOPES TO RETURN TO THE MOUNTAINS TO WORK IN A MINING COMPANY. SHE IS A WONDERFUL, BRIGHT YOUNG LADY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HER GROW IN HER CAREER.



ROXANA GRADUATED IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

ROXANA WAS RAISED AT THE SISTERS ORPHANAGE IN CHACLACAYO, STUDIED AT THEIR SCHOOL AND ENTERED TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO BE A PHYSICAL THERAPIST. SHE ALWAYS HAS A POSITIVE "CAN-DO" ATTITUDE, A BEAUTIFUL SMILE AND HOPES TO SECURE A JOB IN THE LIMA AREA. WE ARE SURE HER FUTURE IS VERY BRIGHT AND SHE IS SO THANKFUL TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED HER COMPLETE HER TECHNICAL STUDIES.



THE SISTERS AT LOMAS DE SANTA MARIA IN CHACLACAYO OFFER THEIR STUDENTS A BLEND OF CARING, FAITH, RESPONSIBILITY AND ENRICHMENT. STUDENTS HERE ENGAGE IN ACADEMICS, ARTS AND GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR CHORES. THEY SHOW GENUINE SUPPORT FOR ONE ANOTHER. THESE ATTRIBUTES CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPED INTEGRITY AND FUTURE SUCCESS.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE VERY HARD-WORKING AND DESERVING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BETTER THEIR LIVES, NOT ONLY FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR THEIR WHOLE COMMUNITY.