

TLSBF SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Where is Moyobamba?

Moyobamba is the capital of the San Martín region in northern Peru. It's known for thousands of flora & fauna species, including many fruit trees and butterflies. It is far from Lima, but home to some of the most neediest students. Moyobamba is the oldest town in Peru's Amazon Basin. It is on the road between Tarapoto and Chachapoyas, and therefore is visited - briefly by tourists.



On the Mayo River , near Moyobamba. The Mayo forms part of the Amazon River hundreds of miles downstream. Amazing jungle, amazing young people who need our support, amazing people like you who help us give them a brighter future. Gracias amigos!



A group of our students from Moyobamba-the high jungle region of the Amazon, study Nursing, Graphic Design, Electrical Trades, Accounting and Business Administration.



Lomas de Santa Maria also supports students at Moyobamba

On all of their trips to Peru, Dan and Irma are always amazed and humbled by the wonderful Sisters of Lomas de Santa Maria (The Hills of Saint Mary's) Their joyful giving Spirit, their love for the orphan girls, dedication to the thier students and great love of God are the perfect example for us all.

In addition to supporting the orphans in Chacacayo, these Sisters are supportive of the student scholars in Moyobamba, which is far from Lima.

Scholarship Program Completers from 2024

Most of the Scholarships support three year technical programs in Peru for students who cannot otherwise study. These students are so appreciative. This program is not only a benefit for individual students, it is a benefit for the entire community. Breaking the cycle of poverty helps everyone. It reduces crime, increases health and quality of life for all. Meet three of this year's completers and please spread the word to continue support for future and on-going students. Your help is a true blessing!

Yurissa and Maria Consuelo both completed their programs in Cosmetology in March 2025. Thanks to all of the generous donors, these young women have been given an opportunity to find meaningful work and means to support their families financially, in ways they could not have done on their own. Maria Consuelo is a mother of 2 young children. Yurissa is able to generously contribute to her family's sustenance for her parents and siblings.



Donor Spotlight



Meet Juan Carlos



Juan Carlos is a dedicated father of two young children. He lives in a poor village in Piura. With his certification as Heavy Machinery Operator, earned in April 2025, he starts a new job right away where he has doubled his income. Your dollars create the miracle for his family to thrive.

Meet the Stukes

Anna and Jermaine Stukes are not only donors to the program, they are Board Members and supportive family members to Dan and Irma O'Connor. Together with their three daughters, the Stukes offer on-going dedication to the scholarship program. In addition to being donors, they support the maintenance of the website, take notes for monthly board meetings and share the agenda, maintaining contacts amongst all board members and other various tasks. They choose to donate for various reasons and highlight, "Providing the opportunity for our students to learn 'how to fish' has priceless long term benefits for our students, their families and their community."