

The Josephine House

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Dear faithful friends,

A belated Happy New Year from the Josephine House to all of you!

We've been promising "before" and "after" pictures of the new playground at the Josephine House and here they are. In the "before", we had just placed the "hobbit tunnel" on the flat ground. In the "after," the main structure is now built around it. The entire playground is still not finished as we have smaller things we want to add (and swings to lower!).

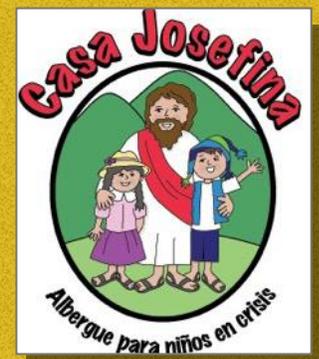
However, it is very usable and the children are loving having a playground again. A team from Surfside Beach came to help with this, along with a friend from Washington state.



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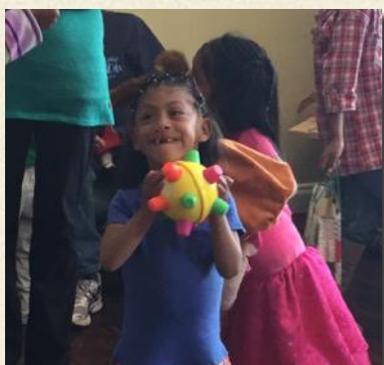
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We were having space issues in the room that three of our older girls share so we had this special bed made for them. Since I've discovered Pinterest, I've found lots of good ideas and this is one of them!



Just before Christmas, little Magdalena (left) returned to her mom. She was a real sweetie and is missed in the House, however, the emptiness was rapidly filled with Maria Fernanda (right), who came to us just AFTER Christmas. We think she is 18-24 months old.



Christmas is always quite lively at the House, as you can imagine with 15 children! When you add in all of those who work in the House on a regular basis, we can be quite a crowd! We love to see the children's excitement over simple gifts, special food and the Bible story of Jesus' birth.

We want to take the opportunity, once again, to thank you for helping to make all of this possible for these children. We feel blessed to be called to this work and humbled that you would join us in it.

Warmly,

Ruth

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The Josephine House is a residential home for children in Cusco, Peru. Our goal is that babies born into difficult situations of alcohol or physical abuse, extreme poverty and abandonment, can find a place of safety until they can be adopted and placed in a permanent home.