



The Josephine House

Update from Cusco, Peru

DECEMBER 2017

Dear faithful friends,

Recently a sweet little 1 ½ year-old girl was found alone on a public bus in Cusco. She had been riding for three hours until the driver realized that she was alone. She was then dropped off at the police station and the Josephine House was called.

A little 5 month old baby boy was born to a 14 year-old mother as a result as an abuse by an uncle. Just a child herself, this young mom realized that she no longer had the capacity to care for her son.

Babies abandoned in the hospital just hours after birth....

Babies abandoned in bread boxes or in the street....

These are just a few of the stories that make up our family at the Josephine House. Each child who has lived these stories is precious. Each child now has a name, an identity, and a hope of having a forever family someday.

And this is thanks to YOU.....a giver and supporter of the Josephine House!

This is my first update as Director of the Josephine House. I was asked to take on the position to help Ruth Powlison with the administrative details of the Josephine House. As founder, she continues to be an important, and vital part of the vision of the Josephine House as well as a support to many of our staff. Not to mention that she will forever be the “Mamá Ruth” of the Home. I am honored to be able to fill the BIG shoes that come before me and I am really enjoying the challenge and joy of helping the home.

We have experienced many changes over the past few months. We hired new personnel, finished small construction projects, and have accepted several new babies into the home. **We now have 11 children in the Josephine House** and hope to be at maximum capacity (16 children) by the first part of new year of 2018.

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Zaid, 9 months



Julio Cesar, 2 months



Brighett, age 5



Jeremy, 2 months

We are now primarily accepting babies or children 2 and under, as we recognize that this is a significant need in Cusco. Many residential care homes are not equipped to accept babies and to provide for their complex needs (diapers, formula, medical care). We are excited and honored to be able to love these little ones until they can be with their adoptive families someday!

consider sharing with family and friends about the Josephine House? It would be such a blessing and help to be able to grow our Josephine House support family!

We pray that as this year closes the Lord blesses your families tremendously!

Happy holidays,

Kristen

Kristen Henson
Director/President of the Josephine House



Omar, one of our sweet 1 year olds, was adopted in August by a Peruvian family. We are hopeful that this will happen with more of our babies. In the meantime, we will love and care for them, and we are so grateful for your support that makes this possible.

While it has been very exciting to redefine our profile and begin accepting new children, this decision does continue to have a cost. Since we are now taking in more and more babies, with needs such as diapers, formula, and more personnel to care for them, we continue to need monthly financial support. As I said before, we are so grateful for those of you who already give or have given in the past to the Josephine House. We could not survive without you all! Would you



Meet Kristen

My name is Kristen Henson, mother of three boys (Lucas 6, Noah 5, and Silas 2). My husband Nathan and I have lived in Cusco, Perú since 2011. We moved to Cusco to work in a non-profit medical clinic, called LaFuente. Nathan is an ophthalmologist and I am a nurse practitioner in family medicine. I worked in the clinic until 2015, after the birth of our third child. Since arriving in Cusco in 2011, Nathan and I have been involved in helping with the finances of the Josephine House. We also adopted one of our children from the home! It has been and continues to be a joy to serve in this ministry of the Josephine House.

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.