



Village of the Children

July 2017

Hello from Cachora! July was probably one of the busiest months we'll have during the entire year and that's even while the kids have been out of school due to a teachers' strike. We have new children and new adventures to report, and hopefully the fun times will keep coming as we roll into August.

The month started as we had a dentist from Little Rock, Arkansas, come to see if he needed to pull any of the kids' teeth. Of the 15 kids at the



Here Gaby is getting her teeth checked.



The kids had a great time with Chin-Chin the clown!

time, only three teeth were pulled, and none of the older kids had any issues. The doctor said afterwards he was expecting to pull at least thirty teeth based on what *most* rural towns he visits. It was a very proud moment for Village of the Children to know that our kids have learned to take care of themselves. While here, we were visited by a member of Zona Zegura who works as a clown; you can imagine that the kids' were very excited after having their teeth checked earlier that day!

In mid-July we had a visit from the Walker family, also from Little Rock. With two young children and a teenage son, it didn't take long for the Walkers to fit right into playtime at the orphanage, teaching the older boys to play American football while the younger children played with and raced new matchbox cars that the Walkers had brought. Laura, the mother of the clan, shared her testimony with the kids in church, which was a great explanation of God's power to change lives.



Laura Walker shares her testimony with the kids.



The kids on a tour bus in Cusco.

Once the Walkers left, the kids then had the chance to go and spend four days in Cusco before going to Zona Zegura's annual family camp. They went to the movies, played in an arcade, ate hamburgers, went to the airport to see planes take off, and visited the chocolate museum where they all received free samples! Once at the camp, they children participated in plenty of games, worship, and most importantly, they were able to divide up and receive some special teaching from Zona Zegura's invited guest to the camp. It was an incredible

time of fellowship, learning, and just plain old fun. Sonia said she liked the music the most, Marisol said she enjoyed the teaching, and David loved the games. For the second year running, the kids were able to let loose and be a part of a church camp after their vacation in Cusco, and they had a blast.

Village of the Children has two more girls now, Rosa and Jackie, bringing the total number of children to 17; but it feels like more. Recently one of our former kids who graduated high school, Haldair, came back during his vacation to help out with cooking duties and to spend some time with the staff. Haldair is studying to be a mechanic at one of the best vocational schools in the region, and his brother Raul, who will also visit from time to time, is preparing right now for his entrance exam with the hope that he'll actually receive a university level education.



The camp was a great chance for the kids to learn more about God.



The kids showed off their skills at camp!

As the number of kids grows, we also see the impact on the children who are moving on to adulthood with their hopes and dreams in tact. Thanks to your support, our staff and children are able to make a difference in individual lives, in the community, and in the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your continued prayers and support, and we hope that you will come soon and see us at Village of the Children!

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