



# January 2018



Christmas was Lit.

Hola from Cachora! It's been a busy but good time over the past few months, with a main focus on the Christmas holiday and the New Year. The kids are out of school until February, so you know that they are enjoying their time off and away from their studies. The kids had a wonderful Christmas, and just recently we're happy that we're able to give a new child a loving home; a 12-year-old by the name of Edwin. While most of the time has been spent trying to stay dry during the rainy season, Village of the Children has been able to spend some time growing within and also connecting with the community.

In December, the kids and staff had the opportunity to go into the town of Cachora and share with them by handing out hot chocolate. Though it may be summer, the rainy and cloudy days can make for cold weather; the orphanage was able to establish some goodwill with the community by reaching out and spending some time with them. Considering the kids were able to follow this time up with a Christmas feast and by opening gifts, it's safe to say that a good time was had by all!



When it is sunny, nothing like a slide in the summer!

A Christmas feast! And all Aide wants for Christmas is her two front teeth...



Beyond celebrating Christmas and spending time with the community, the orphanage was able to take advantage of the summer vacation to bring in a psychologist from Lima, the capital of Peru, to interview and speak with the children. This is invaluable important, but not just for the children; the staff get to know the kids more during this time and are therefore able to treat each child with the specific care that they may need. Many of our children have trouble accepting where they come from; whether abandoned, orphaned, or abused. Bringing in a psychologist allows the children to continue what will be a childhood of rehabilitation. One of the key topics that the psychologist shared on this trip was in regard to self-esteem, and the children were able to grow a little bit more as far as accepting themselves beyond what they've been shown by their families.



Part of the December celebrations? Friné's birthday with the girls.



Rooting for Peru to make it to the World Cup! They did!

Please continue to pray and give to raise these children in a home that *does* love them and where they are shown the Gospel. Pray that our relationship with the community would grow, and that our staff will grow to accommodate more children who are in need spiritually as well as physically. This can only happen with you, so if you want to learn more, please go to [villageofthechildren.org](http://villageofthechildren.org) if you'd like to find out more about make a tax-deductible gift. Thank you and God Bless You!

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