

Christmas in Collique by Chris and Jessica Rose

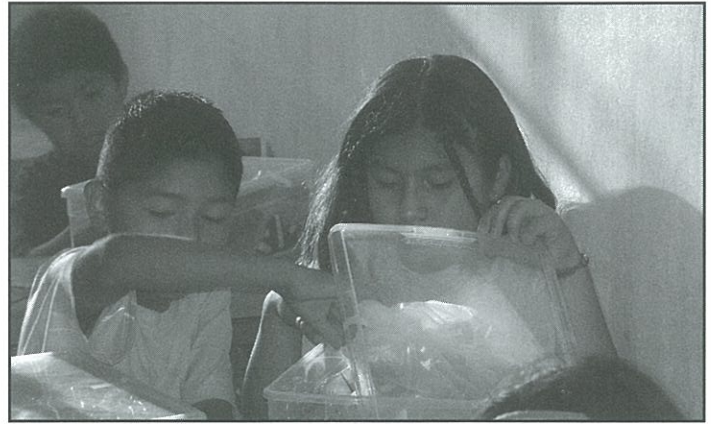
December was full of blessings and fun activities for the OSA families and many in the community. With the help of our ministry partners, we were able to provide over 75 families in the community with a Christmas care package. All of the more than 100 children at Jose Galvito received a clothing bag plus a small gift. Buckner International provided Christmas gift boxes for the OSA children and a small team joined us in Collique to do crafts, participate in outdoor games, and distribute the gift boxes.

In addition, a volunteer team of youth from Lima came to Collique to prepare a 'chocolatada' for 40 children of the community and our children in the program. This 'chocolatada' consisted of chocolate milk, fruitcake and a small toy for every child. We searched far and wide to include the most disadvantaged children that weren't already part of the program. It was such a blessing to see the smiles on their faces. I (Chris) visited one family of a single mother with 4 young children. The girls were named Marigol, Marisol, and Maria. They had a 2 year old younger brother and all lived in a small shack about the size of one of our classrooms. Being able to include them in the 'chocolatada' was one of the greatest blessings of the year for me. To complement the outreach of this ministry, as well as to teach Joshua that Christmas is about giving and sharing with those less fortunate, we baked cookies for him to deliver to the neighbors. Some even received a Christmas kiss.

Prayer Requests

We ask our partners to be in prayer with us for:

- Pray for our summer program, as it gets into full swing. Praise!!! We had a wonderful visit with Jessica's parents as they visited Peru over Christmas.
- Pray for our continued involvement with OSA and Peru for the future as we make decisions on our length of stay.
- Pray for the OSA team, as we work with the children during our summer reinforcement program to prepare them for the upcoming school year.



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