

United Together

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

Can you imagine being 13 years old and leaving your parents, 9 siblings and the only home you know? Meet Yola Tenorio de la Cruz! She and her family struggled with life threatening hunger and illness. Yola knew she had to do something to survive. At this young age Yola boarded a bus with her younger sister and left the rainforest and headed to Chimbote to pursue dreams of a better life.

Yola worked 7 days a week for years in Chimbote cleaning homes and doing everything she could to survive. 8 years ago, Yola met her husband, Santos, and they have two children together Luis (7) and Ariana (2) and they are expecting their 3rd. They are a very determined and hardworking family. But life has been difficult since the pandemic. They have suffered greatly due to lack of work and have gone to bed hungry many nights. Their young daughter was also just diagnosed with anemia.



BECAUSE OF YOU...

Steps on the path OUT of poverty are possible!

On September 23rd, Yola's dream came true. ACAF was made aware of their situation and because of amazing FoC donors, a new home was gifted to this family.

Yola is a woman of strength and perseverance but as she stood in her new home she fell to her knees with praise to God for the angels he sent to make this unimaginable dream a reality. After 18 years of hard work in Chimbote this blessing fuels her hope for a better life.

ACAF will continue to support this family in the process of transformation and give them the tools needed to empower themselves.



THE IMPACT YOU ARE MAKING

Humanitarian aid provides HOPE and STRENGTH

This past month ACAF has continued its efforts to respond to the urgent needs of their community. There are no words to express the gratitude that Friends of Chimbote, ACAF and our brothers and sisters in Peru can say to have you understand the impact you have made due to your continued prayers and resources.



FOOD BAGGING and DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN

ACAF staff bagged 300 packages of rice, sugar, beans, oil, pasta, milk and bread and healthy cookies from the Solidaripan bakery and distributed these items to homeless and disabled people living in extreme poverty in the Cambio Puente area. Many of the beneficiaries stood in line all night waiting to receive their package. Tears of relief and joy spread throughout this neighborhood. Over 300 beneficiaries were impacted.



HEALTH and AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Continued medical office visits at the Santiago Apostol Hospice Building and in-home visits are taking place with the ACAF contracted doctors and nurses. X-rays, COVID testing, oxygen treatments, emergency care and medicine distribution are the primary activities. Spreading awareness on the importance of vaccinations and COVID prevention tips are also being shared. At this time 35-40% of Peruvians are fully vaccinated and 50% of the population have received their first dose.



FAMILY NUTRITION CAMPAIGN

Chefs from the ACAF Culinary program traveled to the San Pedro and Cambio Puente soup kitchens and prepared a nutritious dish of fish in tomato sauce with rice and beans. They also provided instructions on how to make the dish and the health benefits of preparing nutritional meals for their families. Over 300 beneficiaries were impacted.



WATER FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

60,000 liters of water and nutritional cookies were distributed to over 600 families which impacted over 2,400 beneficiaries in the Cambio Puente neighborhoods.

