



LightShine Fall Update – 2017

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep from being polluted by the world:

James 1:27

“It is NOT that we have a short time to live...
But that we waste a lot of it.

Life is long – if you know how to use it”

Seneca (ancient Roman philosopher)

Here’s what’s on the horizon!!

October 2 Grisela and I will fly to Spain. Lightshine is bringing nine (9) delegates to a conference on diagnosing and caring for the emotional damage that occurs when children are abandoned. The keynote speaker is Dr. Niels Rygaard, a Danish psychologist. Lightshine brought Dr. Rygaard to Peru in 2007 to help us learn to care for children with “*attachment disorder*” at the orphanage we sponsored in Arequipa (“Torre Fuerte”). He was a key resource in training our house parents in how to care for damaged kids.

Our delegates come from Mexico, Honduras, Peru and Chile. Each delegate has demonstrated a long-term commitment to care for abandoned, orphaned children. Each has committed to be part of a team in Latin America. This Lightshine team is working directly with two of the governments (Peru and Mexico) to transform their model of care from an ‘institutional’ base to a ‘family-centered’ approach. The training conference in Spain is a key step, but only a ‘first’ step.

October 8

The conference is entirely in Spanish. It will end on October 7. Dr. Rygaard has arranged to stay an extra day for a ‘mini-workshop’ for only the 9 Lightshine delegates from Latin America. Dr. Rygaard will teach and respond to questions. He has asked Paul to moderate the one-day event. Grisela will translate.

Our primary purpose is to allow the delegates from Mexico, Central and South America to explore specific strategies to improve the institutional orphan care in Latin America. Delegates will provide a presentation highlighting the specific needs in each country. In September, Grisela and I went to Mexico to work with our delegates. For those receiving this letter, electronically, the presentation from Mexico is encrypted:

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We plan to bring Dr. Rygaard to Latin America to train dozens of caregivers. We have received positive responses from the governments of Mexico, Peru, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. Our focus is on kids warehoused in institutions. They have the greatest need in Latin America. Please stand with us!

*our webpage is being revised. Donations are possible by paypal: www.mylightshine.org or by mail-

Autumn Blessings,
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