

LightShine Summer Update - 2017

Defend the weak and the orphaned; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. *-Psalm 82:3*

"The most terrible poverty is loneliness... and the feeling of being unloved" (-Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

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OCTOBER is just around the corner! Lightshine is sponsoring the training of orphanage leaders from Latin America. We have selected SIX <u>key</u> delegates from THREE <u>strategic</u> countries:

- <u>MEXICO</u>- <u>Patricia Topete</u>. Patricia is an attorney working for Child Protective Services in Baja. She is responsible for certifying new orphanages & for investigating child abuse in orphanages. <u>Orlenda Cervantes</u>- Orlenda, a CPS psychologist, designs care plans for damaged kids.
- **HONDURAS** Jose Chinchilla- Director of an orphanage, we met Jose thru our friendship with AGROS. <u>Karla Ponte</u>- Karla is a psychologist working at an orphanage in Catacamas, Honduras.
- <u>PERU-</u> <u>Lucy Uceda del Campo</u>. Lucy is a psychologist from Lima with decades of experience. <u>Carolina Zapata</u>. Carolina is a social worker, committed to developing foster care in Peru.

These 6 are proven, experienced leaders. They are committed to team together, and to team with Lightshine, transforming care of abandoned children in their countries, and in Latin America. **We have launched a three-phase plan**:

- <u>Intense training</u> (October) Diagnosing & treating emotional disorders common to abandoned children-(This training will be *in Spanish*, guided by Dr. Niels Rygaard, author of "*El Nino Abandanado*").

-<u>Working together as a team</u> in 2017 to help Mexico, Peru, and Honduras make a transition from an institutional approach (often 'warehousing kids') to a child-centered ("family") model.

-<u>Training front-line caregivers</u> (in orphanages) to be effective 'parents' to abandoned children. Healthy house-parents and caregivers are the most important ingredient in redeeming the life of an orphan.

<u>*We want to add to our team</u>! We have received inquiries from Panama, Chile, Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador... We have a design for Phases 2 and 3 (teaming together & training others!)

Support from Lightshine's family of donors has been AMAZING.... Gracious and Generous! (We have sufficient funds to sponsor our first 6 delegates from Mexico, Honduras, and Peru.)

*Here's how you can help!

(Gifts are deductible as charitable donations)

<u>*Phase 1 training*</u>: You can sponsor a delegate from another country; or provide a partial-scholarship.... Or send a gift to kindle and fuel <u>*Phases 2 and 3*</u> (equipping & training others).

Blessings! Paul & Grisela (p.s. See attached: Response Form)

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