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## In the midst of devastating floods, showers of blessing!

The essence of a newsletter is, of course – news! Unfortunately, it's not always welcome news, as in recent events in South America. You've probably heard about the devastating flooding in Peru this spring, a natural disaster some news outlets called "the worst in living memory" for Peruvians.

More than 100 people died and hundreds of thousands were left homeless. Hundreds of bridges collapsed and thousands of miles of roads were washed out, cutting off hundreds of villages and towns from much-needed aid. In Lima, the capital city of Peru, the water supply was threatened; many areas, including some of our Kids Alive ministries, were without safe water for two weeks.

And then there is the good news!

Thankfully, our ministry sites were largely spared from damage. But many other ministries in Peru were displaced, including Bible Centered Ministries (BCM) where some of our Kids Alive home graduates are serving. At Juniper Tree we were able to provide a refuge for 40 people, national missionary families from BCM, when the river redirected through their property and they had to be quickly evacuated.

Painful as this has been for Peru and even for those close to us who are still struggling, it has been a rich opportunity to model ministry for the kids in our care. ***They come to us from traumatic backgrounds with many needs and hurts, but they also need to know that there is always a way to serve others.***

By pulling together, we were able to help and bless dozens of people caught in circumstances that turned their lives upside down. It's one more way we can be a vital and trusted part of the community, and this in turn provides even more opportunities to serve.

Please pray for Peru as the estimated \$3 billion damages are repaired and lives rebuilt. In addition to homes and livelihoods lost, there has been massive damage to food and animal feed crops, causing higher prices and availability problems in the food supply. Pray that those affected, many of them children, will have access to the food they need to stay healthy.

***And thank God with us for the privilege of ministering to those answering His call in service to the people of Peru!***



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