

## PUBLICATIONS Story

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### **Seed Project Story:**

#### **Title: Church Teen is Mistreated by his Christian Father.**

One Saturday afternoon, a teenager came to our youth group meeting at the Reformed Evangelical Church. She was very quiet throughout the program and didn't seem to want to participate in anything, which surprised the other teenagers and especially the leaders of the youth group.

During a break in the program, we approached her and asked her how she was doing. She started to cry and told us that her father had hit her. The beating was so severe that when the leader of the group took her to the bathroom, they found bruises on her body.

As leaders, we were worried for her and so we spoke with the pastor and the women's committee to see what we could do. In the following days, the idea came up to offer a training about "Family Violence" for the parents of our teenagers (who are both christians and non-christians).

On the day of the training, 30 parents showed up to the church in Arriola, in the district of San Luis, to participate in the Physical Abuse seminar. The talks were given by the pastor, a lawyer, and a psychologist. The youth leaders and this girl were very happy and thankful to God because that same day, the girl's father approached her and asked her forgiveness for mistreating her and for the damage he had caused her. Praise the Lord that we know how valuable it is to minister to the physical needs of the teenagers and not just their spiritual needs.

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