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EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

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"Bringing God's message of hope in action, to all the people we can, wherever we can"

Earthquake Reports from the Field by Hector Del Carpio

The situation is sad! Pisco and Paracas are the most devastated cities. More than 1000 people are dead and there are more to come. A lot of the big buildings are full of dead people. There is so much to do that they are taking the bodies from just one floor first in an effort to rescue as many as possible. The people of these towns are sleeping in the streets and watching over what they've been able to rescue from their houses because there are people that will walk in and steal what ever good things they can find in the rubble. There is still no electricity because most of the power poles are down and there are power cables everywhere. In some areas people are lighting bonfires to circle around to keep warm because the nights are very cold! Most people are not able to sleep deeply because there are still tremors and strong shakes. Almost everyday, there are warnings that another strong movement will happen, so the people are afraid. The part of the town that is close to the water has been damaged not only by the earthquake but by a big wave of water that left their houses flooded. The main church in Pisco is full of dead bodies that are being pulled out everyday as they keep digging. There were just a few survivors found underneath the fallen bricks and debris.



SAVED FROM DEATH by Hector Del Carpio

The church in Pisco was having a meeting on the second floor of a house at the time the big earthquake hit. The church members wanted to go outside to the streets but the pastor told them to stay in. Moments later, the walls of the second floor fell to the street. If the people had gone out to the streets during the earthquake they would be dead right now! Praise God, they listened to God's guidance coming through the pastor and survived. After the main earthquake ended, the people went out to the front of the building and saw the walls that had just fallen. The walls fell right in front of the door where they would have been standing if they had gone out. Nothing happened in the room where they were praying so praise God they stayed there!!



GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

An elderly woman, her granddaughter and dog stayed in one corner of their living room. They prayed and held each other as they watched all the walls of their house fall in front of them. The corner of the house where they huddled and prayed remained standing. Praise God!



HUDDLED TOGETHER

These believers from one of the churches we'll be working with are living together in this one house because it has a tin roof and they don't have to fear it falling in on them. They have no electric but have candles for light and are hoping in the Lord!