



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

Hello Friends,

On June 17 we will be heading out on a two-week mission to Lima, Peru. Anne, Katie and JJ will be accompanying me along with four others of our Cross Street Ministry Team. Our oldest daughter Megan is the only family member not going as she is preparing to get married in August! She will be relocating to New Jersey where her fiance, Chris, is finishing up his schooling as he prepares to enter full time ministry. For those of you that know Megan you will be blessed to know she is now a teacher and just finished her first year as an elementary school teacher.

The first week of the Peru trip we'll be going to Huaraz, a city in the mountains, about seven hours by bus, north of Lima. While there we'll be working with a group of pastors, who are friends with Pastor Fabian & Cecilia of Lima. They've asked us to come and minister to college age students as well as other ministry opportunities they're preparing for us. Hector, our Peruvian missionary has already visited the city and prepared what needs to be done before the team arrives.

The second week of the trip we'll return to Lima and will be joined by a team of five people from Calvary Chapel of Greensburg, Pa (the church that helped build the church in Costa Azul). A friend of ours from the Atlanta area is also joining us. We'll minister in Valle Verde, Costa Azul, Pachacutec and Marques for the first few days. **Then we'll travel an hour north for the second annual Lima - Cross Street Youth Camp, June 27-30.** We're preparing for 150 to 200 youth who are coming from the poor areas we've been working in.

We're less than a month away from the start of the camp and are still in need of some funding. We know God will provide. He always does! The camp is a step of faith like many of the things we do in missions. **Over the years, we've found, that if we wait for provision before we move on vision, it generally doesn't happen.** We're learning more and more to step out in faith and watch and wait as God fulfils the vision. **Quite often through many of you who have been so supportive, Thank you!**

If you're interested in participating by helping to send a Peruvian teenager to camp, we welcome your support. It only costs about \$30 per youth. These youth come from very poor families, many have no fathers at home and are being raised by mothers who barely find a way to house and feed their children. **I have visited some of their homes and found dirt floors, broken down old furniture and cardboard on the walls to separate the little rooms.** Last year, these youth were overwhelmed by the love shown them, the presence of God, the food, the beds, not to mention a chance to swim in a real pool, instead of a polluted Pacific coastline. **We're excited that out of camp this year, will come our first Peruvian - Youth Mission Team.** We've asked the pastors to hand pick two or three youth from their churches to send out as ambassadors on a one week mission trip in their country. We'll keep you informed as this develops.

In August, we'll be returning to Peru with Pastor Guy and Lynda Weatherly. Guy was the pastor who were married Anne and I, 27 years ago. Guy is retiring in June from 30 years of pastoral ministry and is coming on board with Message Ministries to help put together the curriculum for the Bible School in Lima, which we plan on opening in January. Guy & Lynda brings years of experience to the ministry as well as much passion for God and for people. I will be sharing more about this in the next newsletter. Pray with us as we also make plans for our first trip to India in November with Chuck Moore one of our board members.

Thank you all so much for your continued love and support!



The new area of Pachacutec that the government is moving the people of Valle Verde to.



One of the youth from Last years Lima Youth Camp.



Youth getting ready to be baptized in the pool at youth camp in Lima.



One of the busloads of youth heading home at the end of last years camp.

PS - We continue to work on the construction of the Marques Project. We've had some funds come in so we are installing plumbing right now. City water will soon be available for the building! We welcome your support to help finish this project by January 2008.

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