

CALLED TO PERU

The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.
-Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

The time is here! There has been a lot going on since the last newsletter and we are excited to share all the news. First things first: we want to start with another Thank You! Over the past couple of months God has used people like you to show us His plan in our lives. We never expected the amount of faith required in raising support, but it has been an amazing learning process. When we faltered, He has lifted us up continuously, using you as His vessel of Love. So thank you for your willingness!

As support has begun to come in, we realized that we needed to set a date to leave for Peru, and we needed to do it quickly. So, we are joyful to announce our first date has been set, and it is approaching rapidly. I will be leaving October 22nd, which is less than a month away. Amanda will be leaving the first or second week of December, tying up all the loose ends I am sure to forget. (I am definitely not known for my memory).

Although the process is bittersweet, our excitement grows as we see pictures of the work being done in Peru. Even since June, when I was last there, the Church has done a great deal of work, especially in Chincha. We are inspired by their dedication to the plan that God has put

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before them. The Church members work side by side, with aching backs, to build an altar in an area that was once without hope. Now a small plot of land in Chincha is becoming an elevated place reflecting God's faithfulness.

As we become increasingly anxious in our pursuit of Peru we have stayed busy preparing ourselves (as much as possible). At the beginning of September we were able to visit with my family in Maryland. The last time we were there was two years ago when my grandfather passed away. It was a special time to reconnect, and we look forward to the next time.

While we were in Maryland we were given the opportunity to speak at a couple of events. I was able to go to my old high school, as an alumni, and speak to the student body for a few minutes about taking advantage of a critical time in their life. A time that both Amanda and I wished we had truly taken advantage of in our own lives. I was also able to speak to parents that needed to hear some Hope. It was a very intimate conversation, and we were very grateful for all the prayers that we received because the impact was evident; especially considering the strong challenges I made.



THE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN OF CHINCHA

PERU



Top Caption: Walls in Chinchá that still have not been rebuilt after two years!

Middle Caption: Slowly but surely the walls are going up at the Daycare Center! (Pic taken 06/09)

Bottom Caption: The daycare center in September. Even more bricks have been laid!!!

In terms of challenges, we have also received a couple on our road to Peru. A major one is what you are reading, the Newsletter. As we have written, printed, and distributed each newsletter we now realize how much we underestimated the cost. Additionally, we have also questioned how we can sustain the amount of work involved with each newsletter, especially while in Peru. Fortunately, what has been challenging for us is not a challenge to God. He clearly did not underestimate the obstacles, and He has provided us with an interesting and exciting opportunity.

After this newsletter we will be moving from printed documents to email. We are excited about this transition because we will finally be able to become multidimensional. These email newsletters will allow us to point you to specific pictures, articles, ideas, books, songs, etc., which is what we have desired from the beginning. Our goal is to make you feel like you are side by side with us in Peru, because we want you to know how God is using you to impact lives! The technology is in place now, so please submit your email address to us on our website [www.calledtoperu.org]. If you would prefer a hardcopy, let us know and we will do whatever we can to get one in your hands!

As each week passes we realize how much closer we are towards leaving, and like I said, we have been preparing accordingly. Many people have asked us if we are raising our own support, or how we are doing financially. So, we wanted to take a little time to answer some of those questions.

After working with Pastor Pepe and some of the leaders in the church we developed a budget for our time in Peru. We do not want to leave in the middle of a project, so we have planned around a 12 to 14 month time line. Currently, we are at 8% of our support raising goal. Although our budget is small, eight percent of our goal makes it seem overwhelmingly large; especially when we realize that I leave on October 22nd. However, we are constantly being reassured that God is our Provider, and He will continue to provide!

It does help that we truly feel called to serve the people of Peru. We are dedicated and we have moved according to His promise to us, and we will continue to do so. That is why we are so excited about the email newsletter. We will FINALLY be able to show you without words how devastating the earthquake in 2007 was to the people of Peru. We will finally be able to show you more than six pictures of the little kids in Chinchá. We will finally be able to stop talking about us and our preparation, and have the avenue to explain what we are doing while answering all the questions we receive. Did I mention how excited we are?

Please continue to pray for us, as we are less than a month away from our first launch date. If you have questions about any of this, please do not hesitate to contact us by email or through the website. If you are looking into supporting us financially, we also want to remind you that Modern Day is a 501 (c)(3) which makes your donations tax deductible.

We cannot emphasize enough how critical each one of you is to this process. For whatever reason God has your name on our hearts to receive this newsletter. We know that He is using you to provide us prayers, hugs, words of encouragement, information, finances, homes for our puppies, and new owners for our cars. You too have become the hands and feet of Jesus to us, and for that we will be eternally grateful. So, I end as I began: Thank you!

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