



Holding Hands & Reaching Hearts

God's Work in Lima, Peru

Prayer Letter Update of Becca Bennett
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To My Partners in Ministry:

I am grateful for each one of you, and I pray that this update finds you well in our Lord. Thank you for your continued and faithful partnership with me here in Lima through your prayers and finances. Your encouragement means more than words can truly express. I can describe my time serving here as a joyful hardship. It isn't always easy, but the Lord is always faithful, and He is working in Lima!

Health Ministry Development

As the summer was full of several mission teams, the development of the lay-health ministry was put on hold. However, now I am moving along further in the framework of this ministry through the churches we work with in Lima.

I now have the basic ministry goals that the leaders of the churches would like in the lay-health ministry. The general idea, and goal is for a total of at least 8 lay-health promoters by February 2008. For these people, probably women, to be trained in some basic healthcare and educated to not only teach those near them, but to eventually train others to be health promoters as well. We would like for at least 2 health promoters to be from each location we work: Huaycan, Santa Anita, Amauta, and Salamanca.

It has been an exciting time lately in the development for several reasons. In starting a ministry from scratch, there is a lot to learn. I was able to spend a day with a nurse who works with Food for the Hungry and learned how their lay-health promoters work. I learned a lot from them, and I hope to implement some of what they are doing. Another exciting answer to prayer is that a Peruvian nurse, Lea Bonjano, who goes to our church in Santa Anita, has stepped up to help me in the development, training, and in the lay-health ministry.

Please pray with me in the development of this ministry; His wisdom and guidance; for the Lord to raise up people willing to serve as health promoters; pray for wisdom on the administrative side of Lea's help in the ministry.

Health Charlas (Health Talks)

My health talks have continued, and since my last prayer letter, they have started in Amauta (a new area of ministry) as well. I am currently in a series of nutrition, and will finish this series in the next 2 months. It has been exciting with the charlas as well, as many more people have been attending and have become active in the classes. My most recent charla in Huaycan was the largest attendance yet: 25 people, and it was also the first time that several men attended too. It was an exciting class. My health charlas are not only teaching of physical health, but of spiritual health as well.

Please pray with me for the health charlas, that God will: lead and direct me in the themes, be glorified in them, and that people will know Him more through them.



Pictured: The first health charla in Amauta

Other Ministry Happenings

Evangelismo Explosivo (Evangelism Explosion)

Thank you for your prayers. This 13-week course we took ended this past week. Throughout these weeks 38 people accepted Christ in the Santa Anita area. We have seen a growth in the Santa Anita church as well, which is exciting! *Please pray with us for: the students of the course, that we will use what we've learned in sharing our faith in every possible way; the growth of the church in Santa Anita; and the growth of those who accepted Christ these weeks.*

Summer Teams

This summer we hosted 5 summer teams to help in various areas of ministry. They all were such a blessing to us and to those they served. In Amauta and Salamanca, where they did some VBS weeks with the kids, we've been able to start up some Sunday Schools after the planting of seeds there. *Please pray with us for these seeds to not only grow and blossom, but to mature and reproduce. Pray for the national leaders and missionaries working in these areas, and for the growth to extend from the children to their parents and neighbors, etc.*

Salamanca

Salamanca, as mentioned above is one of the places where we started Sunday school after VBS. Also on every other Saturday night a group of believers is meeting, as a cell group, in the plans to start a church in Salamanca as well, probably early in the next year. *Please pray with us: as a church is formed here, its health, growth, and Peruvian leadership to be raised up; for the weekly Sunday School, as many of the kids who come are not from healthy homes. Pray that I will love these children well.*

Other areas for prayer and ministry:

- ◇ *Please continue to pray with us for the salvation of Hernan Matamoras.* (The brother of our dear friend Enrique)
- ◇ I am discipling two girls: Romina and Gianella Matamoras. They are very excited to learn more of the bible. *Please continue pray with me for wisdom and guidance with these precious girls, and for their spiritual growth.*
- ◇ We have met with a Jehovah's Witness who lives in the neighborhood. *Please pray with us for these meetings if/when they happen again, that the Way, the Truth, and the Light will truly be made known; that God will speak through us in our 2nd language of Spanish to be understood better.*
- ◇ *Please also pray for our safety here in Lima. Different places we travel and sometimes even in our neighborhood can be dangerous.*
- ◇ *Please pray for the Lord to bring us more Peruvian friends and that these friendships established and the ones to come will grow greatly in the Lord.*

Once again, thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement!! May the Lord bless you greatly!!

Un abrazo fuerte,
(A strong hug),

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