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*Psalm
73:25-26*

A CHURCH BEGINS!

Sunday, June 3, 2007 “La Iglesia Presbiteriana Luz de Vida” opened its doors to the area of Lima called Salamanca (my neighborhood). It is a very exciting time, and many of our brothers and sisters have long awaited a Presbyterian church in this area.

It was a very active and busy first service. I participated in the worship helping lead in vocals, I also prepared the children’s bulletins for the older kids there. We have a group of ushers, a group leading the children’s church, as well as a cleaning group. Our friend and brother in Christ, Kike Matamoros directed the service, and our team leader Mark Berry preached the sermon. After church we served some snacks for a time of fellowship.

God is already tremendously blessing this ministry in that the location we are holding the services at has been given freely for the church! There were approximately 85+ people there at the first service, which is quite remarkable!

There is a lot for us to do here in Salamanca. Right now the ministry here

VISITING WITH LEA

I have had many wonderful visits with Lea Bonzano. She is a sister in Christ, who attends the church in Santa Anita with her husband Jorge. She was a health promoter in Cusco with the MTW team there a few years ago.

Lea had some early complications to her first pregnancy and has been ordered to be on bed rest from her doctor.

I have been visiting with her weekly for over a month now. It has been a beautiful time of us getting to know each other better. It has been encouraging to see how the Lord has been strengthening her faith



is the main focus for myself and my team, as this church grows and many opportunities are available to serve.

Please pray with us for the health, growth, and development of the church here, the bible studies, ministry opportunities, the worship team, the outreach Sunday School in a local park.

throughout this time. The first time I went to visit her, she was very lonely and depressed. She is doing a lot better, but still has some lonely days. She’s a lot like me- one to stay active with a full schedule-and having to be restricted in such a way has been hard for her. She’s spent a lot of her time in the Word, reading books, and listening to worship music.

Please pray for Lea and Jorge, her health, the health of their baby, for her to seek the Lord in this rough time, and for her to be encouraged.

To The Streets.....

Last week I had the opportunity to join teammate Amanda Ross in a trip to visit a ministry to street children. We met up with Word Made Flesh Ministries (we both have some friends from language school who work with this ministry to street children). It was an eye-opening and interesting experience, but more so heartbreaking. Most of these kids that are on the street are there by choice, coming from such brokenness in their families that they prefer living on the streets. Since we were on their "turf" most if not all were

around us sniffing glue, and throughout our time there getting more high on the glue. There were also some young girls there who work the streets. It broke my heart, mostly when I saw one get picked up by a taxi. The last statistic estimated 300,000 street kids in Lima.

Please pray for Jeremy and Amanda Ross as they start a street child ministry with our team here in Lima

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Gianella- a girl I'm discipling, in costume for a Mother's day program.

.....OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

- PLEASE PRAY FOR THE POTENTIAL OF A HEALTH MINISTRY IN/THROUGH THE NEW CHURCH IN SALAMANCA, AND WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE
- NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND CONTINUED DEPTH IN CURRENT FRIENDSHIPS
- CONTINUED SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF THE GIRLS I AM DISCIPLING
- FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH TO NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS IN A NEARBY PARK, FOR MORE CHILDREN AND FOR UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGED LIVES
- FOR OUR TEAM LEADER MARK BERRY AND HIS WIFE , WISDOM AND GUIDANCE OF OUR TEAM.
- CONTINUED UNITY AND GROWTH IN OUR TEAM AND HEALTHY INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS
- GOD RECENTLY USED ME IN MEDIATING A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN TWO WOMEN , THAT GOD WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK IN THEIR LIVES, GIVING THEM GRACE, FORGIVENESS, AND HUMILITY

THANK YOU.....

IT IS SUCH A BLESSING TO BE HERE, IT IS NOT FREE OF CHALLENGES, BUT THE LORD IS SHARPENING VARIOUS AREAS OF MY LIFE. YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT, SUPPORT, AND PRAYERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF MY MINISTRY, AND WITHOUT YOU, I COULD NOT BE USED BY THE LORD HERE IN PERU. PLEASE PRAY WITH ME AS I FINISH THE REST OF MY TERM (8 MONTHS LEFT), THAT I TRULY RELISH MY TIME HERE AND AM OPEN TO HOW GOD WANTS TO USE ME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO ME THESE YEARS!

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