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### **The Word of the Lord...**

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing."

I Corinthians 13:1-3

### **... If I Have Not Love...**

As I head back to Peru, this is the Scripture that keeps coming to mind. "If I have not love..." I can have much knowledge and be able to teach; I can know what is "right" and be able to point out other's sin to them; I can give in mercy to those in need; but, IF I HAVE NOT LOVE I am no more than a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal; I am nothing; I gain nothing.

What does it matter how many books I bring, how well trained I might be, how many teams we host, how many appointments I have, if I don't have God's love and am not able to show it in a way that lovingly affects others? I long to be effective for Christ on the mission field... please PRAY that I will live each moment in love and trust for him, so that I might be God's hands and feet in Peru.

Love doesn't always look like we imagined it, and God's love doesn't always look like we thought it would. I pray that God would pour his love out on me, to soak it in, in order to love others in a radical and gentle way.

How can I continually move out of my comfort zone? Even in Peru I find some kind of comfort zone. Even as I do the things I feel called to do, how can I be looking 'outside the box' for real opportunities to express real love from God to others?

Please pray with me as I continue this journey to which God has called me. I am very excited to return to Cusco and see so many people that I have only been able to communicate with via email for this last year and a half. Please pray that I will bring God's love for them back with me!

### **Packing and Transition...**

The latest news is that I am headed back to Peru - NOT because all of my support is in yet, but because we need another person in Cusco to help with summer teams. So, even though I am officially a "Long Term" missionary with MTW, I will be working for the "Short Term" department for 4 months in Peru.

Thankfully, my support is at 82%. ☺ I still lack monthly pledges. If those pledges are not in by August 2006, I will need to return to the US in order to continue raising support. BUT - if those pledges come in between now and August 2006, I will be able to remain in Cusco and continue God's work there.

I am thrilled to be able to go and leave on April 19<sup>th</sup> to head back to Cusco. Please pray with me that God will bring in the rest of my support so that I can stay in Cusco and not have to fly back to the US in August to continue support raising!

### **Faithful Friends...**

So for now, not only will I continue to seek support, but I will also be tackling the daunting task of moving to Peru for the long term. What to pack, what to take, how to pack it, how to ship it - and how to survive the overnight trip down with excess luggage are all questions that loom ahead. God has provided 2 faithful friends and supporters to accompany me

during this trip from Atlanta, through Lima, to Cusco!

Denise and Mary will be flying out with me on April 19<sup>th</sup> on donated frequent flier tickets in order to help me handle my luggage. They are faithful prayer and financial supporters and will be able to come to Cusco with me for about 5 days and see the ministry and meet the people. I cannot express how blessed I am to have them with me during this time.

Denise, Mary and I had a bible study together for 5 years when I first started growing as an adult Christian. We have known each other since our high school days and have a long history together. For them to accompany me on this journey is God heaping blessing upon blessing on my head!

Please pray for our time together from the luggage to the flights to our time in Peru: please pray for safety, health, lack of problems and fees with luggage, and also for them to be bowled over with God's goodness during their time in Peru.

This is also a time of grieving and saying my "goodbyes" once again as I turn from my time here in the US toward the latest chapter of life that God has for me. This has been a hard year and a half in many ways, but a GOOD one. God has been teaching me and growing me and I am thankful for this time at home.

### **Praying for the Wheelers...**

Please continue to pray for Lynn Wheeler and her family as she is going through rehab at the Shepherd Clinic here in Atlanta. Lynn was in a debilitating car accident on Christmas day on her way to church, hit head on by a young driver who took a curve too fast. Lynn has a severe spinal cord injury and is paralyzed from the neck down, only able to breathe with a respirator. She is mentally alert and a joy to visit, but you can only imagine what she and her family are facing in every area. She may be able to come home at some point. She and her husband Doug are members of Covenant Presbyterian (PCA) in

Fayetteville GA (just south of Atlanta).

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Please also don't forget about the support raising offer for me from Joy Oliver, who owns Trusted Hands Day Spa near Roswell Rd. and I-285. For massages, Reflexology, or Facials, which cost \$75/hour, she will donate 35% of that to my support account. For Cellular Renewal Therapies (Infrared Heat treatment or Ion Cleanse Footbath), which cost \$50 for half an hour, she will donate 50% to my support account. I have experienced several services and they are AWESOME. ☺

You can find more information about their services and location on their website:

[www.trustedhandsdayspa.com](http://www.trustedhandsdayspa.com)

or you can call them at 404-252-4772. You will need to let them know that you want them to donate to Laura Deadwyler's missionary account at Mission to the World (they have that information).

God bless,

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on the memo line.