

Dear Faithful Warriors,

We wish you grace and peace from our God and Father and pray that this finds you pressing on in His grace daily seeing His sovereign hand in all that comes your way. This is certainly what we have been challenged to do as we are confronted with situations way beyond our ability to handle.

We are getting more and more accustomed to things here which is a blessing from the Lord. We now know our way around using the different means of public transportation. Since Larry had to be gone for a few days Sandy had the opportunity to also become comfortable with getting around, although one day when she got onto a "combi" (a small bus) she had a few uncertain moments not being sure if she was going to end up where she knew where she was. However, she did and learned a new route in the meantime. All the combis have different names and routes. Some of the names are comical, for example, one is called Batman. To take a combi, you wait at a stop and they will come by with a person hanging out the window or side door shouting the places on their particular route except until you get used to it, it pretty much sounds like a garbled mess of sounds. If you decide to get on, the person will open the door and stand aside all the while saying, "Sube! Sube! Sube!" (which means get up, get up, get up) which always makes me feel like a hog being called. After you squeeze in you wait for your stop to be called and say "Baja" so he knows you want to get off there. Then when it stops he'll open the door and let you out saying the whole time, "Baja! Baja! Baja!" I think they think it makes people move faster. Anyway it is always quite an experience because people will get on with all kinds of things like tires, gas cans, lumber, produce for the market, etc., etc. So far though we haven't had any live poultry or other animals, but you never know.

Another cultural experience happened while completing our paperwork to obtain our resident status. After standing in line for 5 hours at the immigration office we are now official residents of Peru. This makes obtaining certain services much easier. Now all that remains is to go through the process for the girls. In order to do this we will have to leave the country to get their passports stamped and then go through all the paperwork and standing in line once more. This often takes much longer for some reason. We would ask your prayers for this to go smoothly and expediently.

During this past month Larry made a trip to Huaraz (the location of our final assignment) for a meeting with some of our team members and also to make some initial inquiries regarding housing. While he was away we learned that it was time for our family to go to Lima to process our resident paperwork so we all reunited in Lima and spent a few days enjoying some of our favorite sites there like Starbucks and Chili's Restaurant plus being able to take a day to go to the zoo. After missing our flight back to Cusco (while waiting in line at immigration) we decided that it might be a good time to make a trip as a family to Huaraz to look at some of the possible houses Larry had located. So that night we traveled all night (8 hours) by bus arriving at 6 a.m. spent the day looking at houses and returned on the bus that night to Lima at 6 a.m. the following morning. After unpacking and repacking we caught our flight that afternoon back to Cusco. We praise the Lord for safety during all our travels as the roads to Huaraz are very curvy and at one point reach an altitude of 14,000 feet. We were also thankful that the girls slept the whole way and didn't have any problem with motion sickness.

How can we express to you how much your prayers and continued support mean to us. It sounds trite to say that without you we wouldn't be able to stay here, but it is the honest truth. There are days in which we face discouragement and at times even depression and then there are the unseen dangers that we are not even aware of as we go downtown or even just to the market up the street. You are a vital part of this ministry and even though right now we don't necessarily feel like we are doing much actual "ministering" we know that our God has a purpose for this time here and knowing

that we have all of you behind us keeps us pressing on in the what seem to be the mundane details of everyday living here. We know that all of you face the same struggles and we pray for you also in the tasks, difficulties, trials and blessings that God has put before you.

One thing that we have been reminded of repeatedly during this month has been the need for God to be our vision, not a program, not a mission, not people, just our great and awesome God. Just as the song says, "Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me save that Thou art."

Much love to all of you. Don't lose your vision.

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PRAISES:

- For continued safety during our travels, locally and out of town.
- For having obtained our resident status.
- For adaptation to the culture.
- For new friends for the girls.
- For a solid church to attend while we are here.
- For the blessing each of you are to us.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For continued integration into the team here and a real sense of purpose while we are in Cusco.
- That the process for the girls' resident status would go smoothly and quickly.
- For all the details and work to be done with the 11 short-term teams coming during the next three months.
- That we would all remain healthy. Larry and Mackenzie both have colds rightnow. However, we praise the Lord that Mackenzie's asthma has not been any problem since we have been here.
- For effective and open communication between our family members and also with members of our team.
- For wisdom in choosing a house in Huaraz that will meet needs we don't even know about yet with regards to the ministry and our needs as a family over the next few years.
- That God's word would penetrate our hearts and refresh our vision of our Lord each and every minute of every day.