

VBS 2008

Summer's coming to an end here in Lima, kids have gone back to school and the evenings are getting cooler. The last week in February we did a mini vacation Bible school to get renewed interest now that the school year was to begin and everyone would be back in routine. Our theme was Soldiers of Christ, Ephesians 6: 10-18. God blessed me in this VBS through the great help the young people in the church. Directing the games, acting in the skits and leading the music were just some of the jobs they did that week. I had great help from assistants to all the teachers; Romina, Gianella and Elsa. Their persistent work ethic and creative ideas provided a great impetus to the special program. Monicka, a part of the Peruvian army, shared the gospel with the parents who came to see our presentation. To conclude, Laura Salvatierra prepared a slideshow. (I would love for you to see it! www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRFmzyupE8U&feature=email) I really saw God motivate those around me to take action against the devil's schemes and fight for the hearts of these children.

Romina Gianella Paulo I**TO DANCE AGAIN!**

The involvement of the youth highlights the growth of that ministry in our church. We meet twice a month for meetings, do a special event once a month and a group has begun to play basketball before the weekly soccer game. I've enjoyed bringing the games and getting to know Caroline, a ballerina with the National Ballet who lives in Salamanca. She danced for the Talent Show we had for Rebecca and Laura and I were able to go to a presentation of the school where she teaches. It has made me want to return to dancing in my free time. I really enjoy God through that art!

**PRAISE and Thanksgiving**

- ♥ For Romina, Gianella and Elsa and the special encouragement they are to me as up-and-coming teachers.
- ♥ The great focus on relationship building that Laura and the Peruvians are helping teach me.
- ♥ God and those others who have helped me to focus on the truth of the gospel in the last couple months.