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PERU 2013 FIELD REPORTS



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Dear Prayer Partners,

Below are several reports distributed while on the Peru STM trip. We have since then added some pictures!

Saturday evening, May 11, 2013 Lima, Peru

The first seminar is already over! Praise God there was very positive response. "Mucho, mucho gracias!" I could even understand one husband looking right at me when stating this signifying the many changes that took place in his life. Many were significantly helped. We found out that the hotel had booked another party so that we could not get the numbers to attend that they originally hoped for. We were glad for a smaller group.



Our first marriage seminar in Lima

Thank you so much for your prayers. I felt God sustaining me even with the five messages yesterday (not including question/answer times). Things generally are going well: Able to sleep well (despite challenging sounds), and easy to work with the coordinator and his wife and safety in the heavy traffic here in the city of 9 million.



Prayer time between couples

Sunday (tomorrow), I will speak two 1 hour messages (includes translation into Spanish). I need to finish preparing those messages.

We were supposed to leave very early on Monday to drive to the Andes Mountains for our second seminar. But the emergency maintenance light came on. The Honda garage doesn't open until 7 am on Monday. We do not know if it is a major or minor issue, but traveling to 13,000 feet he thinks we should have it looked at (I agree!). But it looks like a delay. Pray for physical adjustment. The method they use to overcome altitude problems is once you reach the place, lie down flat for two hours. So we might get one message in on Monday night.

If you use Instagram, check #BFFPeru for pictures. Trying to learn it.

Paul

Tuesday Morning, May 14th, 2013

Praise the Lord the few problems with the car were fixed. We used a whole day to travel near the top of the world to reach Huancayo set 2 miles high in the Andes. Ticlio at 4818 meters was the highest point of our travels. We went very high, but it was a pleasant trip of 8 hours overall. Part of the way we met up with hail.



A pleasant restaurant stop, halfway on the trip, gave one of our team members a chance to try eating Guinea Pig (Cuy). Besides some real chicken soup (that had lots of chicken in it), I drank some of the Caco tea which supposedly helps with the lightheadedness. Besides some lightheadedness at certain points in the trip, we are all fine, though exhausted.



Our team consists of Peter and Blanca, general coordinators, who work on opening ministry schools (ISOM), Diana who serves as my translator, and Domenic (from California), an intern working with Peter and Blanca for a few months. He helps with the tech stuff.

Last night, after about 1 hour rest, we took a taxi to the church where the meetings are held. They like late meetings! The streets were filled with people at that hour. Many Indians formed part of the group. We got out around 10 pm. Everyone was glad for the marriage message.

I will have 6 more messages up here before going back to Lima on early Thursday.

May God give grace to speak the Word of God as He desires. Each time I meet a new group, there are only about 3-4 hands that can admit having good parents. Part of the problem is that no one teaches on marriage so God's people do not even know God addresses this part of their lives. May revival come to their personal lives, marriages and churches!

In our Lord's Kind Service,

Brother Paul



City of Huancayo where our second marriage was held.

Thursday night, May 16th, 2013



Before feasting on the Guinea Pig

Thank you for your prayers. God has been wonderfully working through both of these marriage seminars. One couple was so transformed in this last seminar, situated higher than two miles high, invited our team and local coordinator pastor to a feast at their house. What joy to see how God was working in their hearts. They treated us to a two course meal, each would have been a meal in and of itself. The second course was a specially prepared specialty of guinea pig (grown by her mother)!

Many people were specialty touched by the Lord. Again and again I heard that no one has spoken on these marriage topics so God takes His powerful Word and heals them. This was also seen in the number of handmade goods given to us to show appreciation. They wanted me to put them all on too! I'll have to find a picture of this decked out preacher.



Presenting wearable gifts to Paul

One couple who couldn't stop crying said that the pastor's words saved their marriage. The coordinating pastor said his greatest gift was seeing how his members' were being so extremely transformed.

This is your prayers at work. Praise God!

Do pray as the third seminar begins tonight. I am not sure what to expect but may God indeed 'Stimulate Spiritual Growth in the Churches' through it!

Also pray for Linda as she was in her first accident. Everyone is fine, but we are working through details with a big family as our van gets repaired.

In His Glorious Service,

Paul



Lima, Peru

Sunday morning, May 19th, 2013

Praise the Lord for powerfully working in those who attended the eleven sessions on learning how to make disciples. The evening sessions were better attended with 80-100. We could see how God was taking away bitterness, worry and giving the people a greater vision of God's work in their lives and willing to follow Jesus our good Lord. Over 3 million people live in that northern part of Lima. I thank the Lord for my translator who kept up with the rigorous schedule. Altogether 29 messages, I think. (Yes, I am exhausted.)



The Peruvian brothers and sisters are very kind. With their warm greetings of hugs and kisses I feel like I have received a life time of warmth. They do want me to return, but we will see what the Lord has.



Tonight, I start my not very long of a journey home to arrive on our 35th anniversary tomorrow! Our time zone is only 1 hour off so no jet lag! Thank the Lord for keeping us in all our travels on the dangerous roads here. And thank you for praying for transformation of God's people. God was mightily working. You could sense the freedom in the people by the end of the seminar.

The people were very excited to hear how people from all around the world were praying for them during this time. Thanks again for your faithful prayers. And praise God someone loaned us a car for a week. Pictures will be coming!

In Christ's Majestic Service,

Paul

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