

On the Path to Peru

March 2005

More Than I Could Ask or Imagine

It has been a fun, challenging, exciting, stressful, sometimes overwhelming few months that God has brought me through lately. In the midst of it, He has shown me more of His grace, His peace, His timing, and His sovereign control and power in my life.

It has been interesting in these weeks and months trying to balance raising support, working overtime, going through training, speaking at churches, and having my father in the hospital. Yet my heavenly Father has seen me through, supplied my needs, given me rest when I need it, and encouragement from different places. He is so much bigger than my schedule!

Thank you so much for your involvement with me in this process through your prayers, encouragement, and finances. In my last newsletter, I shared about how far God has brought me and supplied my needs in the short time I had been raising support. In December I shared with you how He had brought in 78% of my monthly support, and 37% of my one-time support. ***I give Him the glory now as I share with you that He has supplied 100% of my monthly, and 97% of my one-time needs!!!*** I am so humbled by how He has provided, and I know His timing is perfect.

My aim is to leave for Peru at the end of July. My schedule is filling up as I am speaking at various churches and missions conferences, I have 5 weeks of mission and medical training to complete, and work at the hospital in between. I intend to leave

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Living In Grace

In January I attended MTW's Living in Grace conference along with other missionaries. It was such a wonderful time of spiritual insight and growth as much of my sin was brought to the surface of my life. Although it was quite overwhelming knowing that I am worse than I think I am, it was more overwhelming and humbling to relearn the truths of God, His perfect love for me in spite of me, and His sacrifice for me for who He is, not for anything I have done. I needed this week to place my perspective of life back on the Creator and how big He is and how tiny I am.

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."
Ephesians 3:17b-19



Living in Grace small group

PLAN OF EVENTS PRIOR TO PERU

- March** Missions Conferences at Millbrook Pres. in Millbrook, AL, Community Pres. in Moody, AL, and Meadowview Reformed Pres. in Lexington, NC
- April** Visiting Covenant Pres. in Sebring, FL; Advanced Medical Missions Training with MTW in Honduras
- May-June** Community Health Evangelism Training in Marion, NC; SPLICE cross-cultural training in Palmer Lake, CO

The Prayers of Children

On February 11-13, I participated in the Global Missions Conference at my home church of Oak Mountain Presbyterian. What a blessing it is to be a part of this missions minded congregation! I enjoyed sharing about the work God has called me to in Peru. The weekend was encouraging and humbling to me after meeting people for the first time who have been praying for me. The most overwhelming was having an abundance of parents come to meet me because *their children had been praying fervently for me for weeks!* I was moved to tears. One of these children, whose parent I met, was only 4 years old! I found out that in the children's ministry, they had taught the kids about Peru and my calling there, and made prayer bracelets to remember to pray for me. A couple months ago, mason jars were passed out to the congregation to help with raising my one-time support needs by collecting their spare change. Many of these parents shared how each day their child told them to put money in those jars! It is special to my heart when I hear of people praying for me, and it melted my heart hearing about these children praying for me. *God uses His children, of all ages, to further His kingdom!*

PRAISE

- The opening of Cristo Salvador ministry at the church in Huaycan, feeding street children, and offering tutoring.
- God's provision of prayer and financial support!
- My father's health improving after his hospitalization

Prayer

- The people of Peru, that the Lord will draw them to Himself
- The ministry of the Lima New City team; the health, unity, leadership, and direction of the team
- The provision of support for Jeremy and Amanda Ross and Laura Hoyt who are going to Lima, Peru
- Steady balance for me of work, training, and travel, the sale of my car, and various other preparations to leave

my job in May before attending 4 weeks of training. It also has been decided that I will be attending language school in Arequipa, Peru.

I am so excited and eager to get to Peru, but this time is also bittersweet as I am making preparations to get there. I am trying not to rush these days, (even though it seems like life right now is a checklist) but to savor my time here, and "make the most of every opportunity." I spent some wonderful time with my family over the holidays, and with friends here. July will be here before I know it!

I want to sincerely thank all of you who have prayed for me during this time. They have not gone unfelt, and the Lord has given me much peace and strength during a very busy time in my life.

I also want to thank those of you who have been involved financially with my support. Your gifts and monthly pledges and contributions have been such a blessing and have gotten me to where I am now in support. After talking with MTW, I will begin to receive my monthly support at the end of May since I am leaving my job for many weeks of training.

Thank you for your partnership with me in God's work in Peru. I am so eager to continue to share more with you as God works in my life and in Peru!

In His Grace,

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