



# HOLDING HANDS & REACHING HEARTS

## GOD'S WORK IN PERU

*Prayer Letter Update of Becca Bennett*

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*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6*

## CHRISTMAS IN PERU

I hope this update finds you well in this Christmas season. It always seems to be a surprise of how fast time flies, but at least for me here in Peru, time is flying because God is doing so much! It has been a year full of many challenges and many blessings.

This is my last prayer letter to be sent to you from Peru. On February 23, I will be arriving back to the US after 2 years and 7 months on the mission field. I am excited about what the Lord has for me, and although I do not know all the details, He has given me such a peace, and I know He has a plan for me and He will reveal it all in His awesome timing.

I will be spending this Christmas here in Peru, and am very excited about that. Many of my friends here are so close to me now that it is like spending Christmas with my family.

The Lord has given me such a contentment to be living here and serving Him, and the prayer for me to be savoring and enjoying everyday here have been answered. I am delighted to be here, and sad to see the day approach when I will leave this country that I love.

As always, thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement. All of which it would be impossible for me to be here. May our Lord richly bless you all!

## A CHILD IS BORN!!..... To LEA AND JORGE



Lea and Ariana

You all have been praying with me for Lea, who early in her pregnancy had many complications, and spent a lot of her pregnancy on bed rest or in her home.

On Saturday, November 24, a healthy little girl Ariana was born! My MTW teammate Laura Salvatierra and I were able to assist Lea at her home for several hours of her labor. I was so grateful to Laura, as she has a lot of experience in this area. It was a special time to be with Lea.

Thank you for your prayers for this family. Lea and her husband Jorge have expressed to me often their gratitude for all the prayers as well.



Ariana with her Tía Rebecca

What an answer to prayer!! Lea had some scary and challenging times in her pregnancy, and the Lord brought her and Ariana through, and now we can hold and love this precious little girl! (Oh, and that is her little finger grasping mine above in the title).

## OTHER HAPPENINGS....

**Earthquake News:** MTW has received a significant amount of financial assistance for the earthquake relief efforts here in Peru. Thank you all for your prayers and sacrificial financial gifts to the Minuteman Appeal. We hosted several teams that came down and assisted in the affected areas by providing medical, construction, counseling, and VBS services. A team from our church here in Salamanca is being formed to continue service in some of the affected areas. I will probably be involved some in that before I leave. *Please pray for guidance and wisdom in these decisions and efforts.*

**Children's Ministry:** I am teaching Sunday School to the 12-14 year olds on Sunday morning, and my class is the smallest. *Please pray with me for more kids to come in this age group, and for the Lord to raise up someone to replace me when I leave.*

**Discipleship:** It is still a delight for me to meet with Raquel, Monica, Romina, and Gianella. It has been encouraging in many ways to see how they are growing in the Lord. *Please pray for their continued growth and that the Lord will use them in mighty ways!*

**Spiritual Warfare Seminar:** Thank you for your prayers for my dad's spiritual warfare seminar that he taught in October. It was a well-attended event, and people were blessed greatly by his teaching, and it was a special time to show both of my parents my life here in Peru.

### ***IMPORTANT NOTE TO FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS...***

The home office has informed me that after the month of December I will have enough left in my support account for any remaining expenses, so please continue to give as normal this month, but after December 31 you can stop supporting me financially.

*There are not enough words to adequately express my gratitude for your gifts and sacrifice to allow me to serve in Peru for these few years. Know that I do not take it for granted and I thank the Lord often for each one of you.*

### ***IN CLOSING***

I am eager to be able to share with you all more of what God has done in my life here, and how He has used me, this broken instrument of His. The spring will come soon, and I will be traveling around, visiting, and sharing. God willing we'll be able to visit together!

Please pray for and with me in the midst of transition in these months. It is often said that it is harder adapting back to your own culture after being in another for a while. Please also pray for my goodbyes here, that they will be healthy. I am already grieving for having to say goodbye to many.

Thank you again for all your encouragement, prayers, and support. I will write again after I am back in the States! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In His Service,

Becca Bennett



With my Parents at Machu Picchu when they visited in October.