

# All Things Beautiful... in His Time

Final Prayer Letter of Rebecca Bennett

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*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace....."*

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end."*

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 11

## One Beautiful Chapter in Life Closes

I have made bold some of the words above for my own consideration. I am in the midst of transition, and I am still mourning the loss of leaving behind such good friends and my life as I knew it in Peru. In these days and weeks I have been uprooted, I have wept, laughed, mourned, danced, embraced, spoken, been silent, and have loved. I am still mourning, but am also in the time of mending, healing, embracing and keeping (cherishing all those moments in my heart), and will be searching (for a job) and will be speaking (to churches and supporters).

I read verse 11 and I know without a doubt that He has made my time and experience in Peru beautiful in its time. I never would have imagined going into those years of service to Him that He would do so much in this wretched heart of mine, and how much He would use *me*- this broken vessel. My precious Lord has made this all so beautiful to me, and I would not have been able to fathom what He had for me and how He used me, nor can I fathom it now.

Towards the end of my term I began to look over my time there and question if I served the Lord to the best of my ability. (I tend to be very critical of myself). There are always ways we can improve, but Lord in His graciousness (and knowing what I needed) began to give me little "nuggets" as different people shared with me of how He had used me in their lives. He gave me peace that He accomplished what He set out for me, even if it may have looked different in my mind.

My final days, weeks, and months were so precious to me. My relationships went even deeper with Peruvians and teammates and I enjoyed what I was doing and what I was a part of. My time of departure came at a time where things are exciting with our new church in Salamanca, so I am blessed that it is like that instead of me leaving in times of difficulty.



Snapshots from my going-away party



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## WHAT'S NEXT?

I will be spending the next two months traveling, speaking at mission's conferences and supporting churches, as well as visiting with family that I have not seen in a while. After that I will be replanting myself in Birmingham, Alabama and be working as a nurse there. I am praying about the possibility of pursuing further studies to become a nurse practitioner.

## WILL I GO BACK TO THE MISSION FIELD?

I am not opposed to the possibility of going on the mission field for a longer period of time. I am open to God's calling in my life, and though do not have a clear call to that at this time, I know that He will make it clear where He wants me and when. There are many needs yet to be met in Peru and other countries, the harvest is plenty and the workers are few. If He calls me, I will go.

## P R A Y E R

- ❖ Continued growth and excitement in the church Luz de Vida in Salamanca, especially with the youth
- ❖ Continued spiritual growth in the lives of the girls I discipled (Raquel, Monica, Romina, & Gianella)
- ❖ Physical health of Meche, Maximina, Zarumi
- ❖ A smooth transitional period for me as I adjust back to life in the States
- ❖ Travel safety; a job and housing at the end of April

## A FINAL WORD OF GRATITUDE.....

*iMuchísimas gracias!*

*I could not have had the beautiful experiences the Lord has given me without you. Your support through prayer, finances, and encouragement is invaluable to me, and I am and will always be truly grateful.*



*Thank you for your partnership with me, and please continue praying along with me for Peru and those I have come to love dearly who are there. I have been blessed greatly by you.*

For His Glory,

*Becca Bennett*