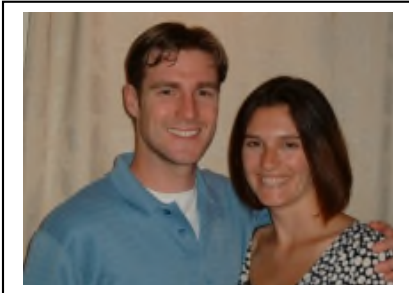


## *Colossians 1:24*

*Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church*

In my late teens God placed a strong desire in my heart for missions. That calling has been shaped through Paul's words in Colossians 1:24 as well as by the notion that all of life is ministry. I interpret the verse to mean Christians are called to present Christ's crucifixion, i.e. the Gospel message, in a tangible living way to everyone around them. This truth has inspired my family to live out a life of active Faith in a culture that lacks a compelling Christian presence.

In June, my wife and I attended a Mission to the World (MTW) conference in Atlanta, GA. After



a week of training sessions and interviews, we received final approval to serve as two-year missionaries in Cusco, Peru. We were elated! We knew we had a long road of preparation ahead of us, but we felt confirmed in our call. Though all the tasks before us seem a bit overwhelming, we trust that the Lord will provide for us along the way and that He will guide us to the field.

During college I nurtured a passion for missions by going on numerous short-term trips to Central and South America. At Baylor University I majored in Latin American Studies, and after graduating I served as an intern with a mission team in Trujillo, Peru. My wife understands my passion for ministering abroad, and she's encouraged me to move forward in my pursuit of that calling. She's very excited about the prospect of raising a family and supporting my ministry in Cusco. We praise the Lord for giving us this desire to serve as a missionary family, and we thank Him for providing such a loving and supportive body of family and friends. Leaders at our church, Redeemer Presbyterian San Antonio, Texas, have been instrumental in encouraging us to go to the field, and members of Redeemer have already expressed their excitement over the work we've been called to do.



We plan on leaving for Peru in August of 2008. While in Cusco, we'll be working with Bill and Jeanine Allen, another MTW family that our church already supports. Bill is a pediatrician and runs a clinic aimed at serving the Quechuan people, native inhabitants of Cusco of ancient Inca descent. One of my jobs will be to follow up and establish relationships with these patients who live in hard to reach villages. Ministering to these people through word and deed is an essential part of building God's church in Cusco. I'll also be involved in the work of youth discipleship. Amy will assist Jeanine in her



women's ministry. She'll help in facilitating counseling groups for women and hosting Bible studies. Most of the Quechua we'll be serving have never been exposed to the Gospel. They practice an animistic religion that has been passed down to them from their Inca ancestors. Among the Quechua, there is a pervasive sense of hopelessness that plays itself out in the form of alcoholism, drug abuse, and physical abuse.

Amy and I hope to bring Christ to a lost people, and to see God's grace work in the hearts of the Quechuan, and we want you to experience that with us. If our calling resonates in your heart, then we would love for you to consider joining our team. It is comprised of both prayer and financial supporters. Please pray about the possibility of supporting us in Cusco.

In Christ,

Greg & Amy Sanderson