

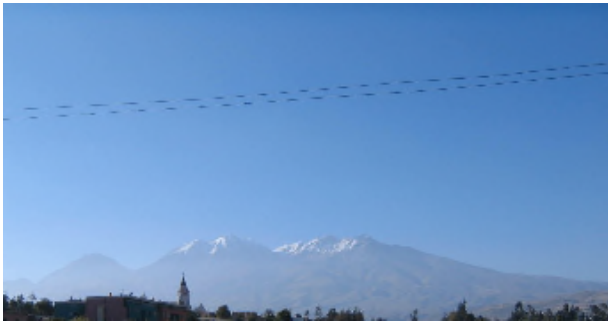
Articles from Arequipa

The Ross Family

June 2006 Update

Horns and Whistles

We wish that we could transport each one of you here for a day in our lives in Arequipa. If you were getting off the plane at this moment, the first thing you would notice would be the crystal blue sky and the beautiful snow-capped mountains surrounding the city.



As you left the airport in a taxi and headed to our house, your knuckles would be turning a little white as you held on through the swerving and near misses around traffic. There are horns honking everywhere.

As you arrived at our house and settled down for a cup of tea, you would begin hearing the familiar whistles from all over town. These whistles are the “watchman” in the neighborhood. That is exactly what they do. They “watch” the houses to make sure everything is safe. Their whistle lets everyone know that all is well.

You would enjoy some fantastic Peruvian food and the warm smiles of the people here. You would get lots of kisses. Everytime you come to a gathering of people, you kiss the cheek of every one present.

If you were here, you would be thanking the Lord with us that He has provided for us to be here in this amazing place where we can learn Spanish in an atmosphere of acceptance and support. (Actually, you can do that from right where you are.)

If you were here today, you would definitely want to have your walking shoes because we walk almost everywhere. (If it’s just too far, we grab a taxi.) The language school is a 10 minute walk as is the grocery store and even a mall. Kayla and Amanda make the 20 minute walk (well, Kayla is in the stroller) to preschool two times a week. Below is a picture of the market that we frequent that is right around the corner from our house. Adela and her daughter are just two of our new friends here.



What’s great about walking is that you take time to feel the pulse of the people here. We have been struck over and over again at the sadness and emptiness in the eyes of so many. Many are so desperate just to put food on the table for their families.

Please pray with us that the message of the Gospel would go forth here in Peru and that eyes of sadness would be turned into eyes that sparkle with the love of our Savior.

(So, have we talked you into coming for a visit yet?)



KIDS KORNER

Kayla and Bella are enjoying their first month in Peru. It is definitely an adjustment as they cannot go anywhere without getting touched, cooed at, and talked about. Kayla thanks God every night that we have a new home in Arequipa. She is getting used to preschool and beginning to pick up some Spanish. When she is counting, she says, "one, two, cinco...." Please continue to pray for their adjustment as sometimes it is hard not understanding Spanish and always being the center of attention.

Prayers and Praises

Praise- we made it here safe and sound!
Praise- we have a great place to live
Praise- the language school community is caring for us as we learn Spanish
Pray- for our health and safety
Pray- for our continued adjustment here, especially for Kayla as she tries to make sense of everything
Pray- that our minds would soak up Spanish and that conversation would begin to come easily
Pray- for our team in Lima, that God would continue to bless and provide for them
Pray- for short term teams coming to Lima this summer
Pray-for the final elections for President this month- for more info. on these, see
http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060526/ap_on_re_la_am_ca/peru_dark_memories_lh1_1

Funny Things We've Found in Peru

1. a "widowmaker"- and ELECTRIC water heater that is connected to your shower head- yes, electricity and water
2. we have a gas tank in one of our showers because the oven on the other side of the wall is run by the gas.
3. if you want to buy something, you can go to a street full of little stores that carry basically the same thing and pick one out. For example, a birthday cake. Well, you go to the Birthday Cake street and shop around. It's great!
4. This is a great country for birthdays. On your birthday, it is the custom that everyone you know will stop by your house at some point during the day unannounced. So, you better have some good food prepared and be ready for lots of cake. (They also like to put your face into your birthday cake.) Jeremy and I both celebrated our birthdays this month and felt very loved with the grandness of celebrations here.

STAYING IN TOUCH

We would love to hear from you! We send out a monthly e-mail update. If you are not receiving that, please e-mail us your address at kaylagoestoperu@aol.com. Also, if you don't have e-mail, but would like to receive those updates through the mail, please send a note to:

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We could not be here without you. Please keep praying and know that your prayers are being used in a powerful way here in Peru.

With Joy from Peru,

Jeremy, Amanda, Kayla and Bella