

Peru Perhaps

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March 2006 Update

The Countdown

God's timing is sometimes confusing to us. We know He knows what is best, but we don't always know WHY. As we have considered God's timing in allowing us to leave for Peru, it is by God's grace that He has seen fit to already give us glimpses of His plan at work in us. Living in the States this past year may not have been OUR plan for our lives, but it has turned out to be an incredible gift from the Lord.

TOP TEN REASONS WE ARE THANKFUL THAT GOD KEPT US IN THE STATES THIS PAST YEAR:

10. God graciously provided free counseling for Jeremy and I as well as free housing and free Spanish tutoring!

9. We were able to get more familiar with the Spanish language in a supportive and familiar environment, Miami- the Latin American city.

We had many broken Spanish conversations with the grocery store employees, car mechanics and other moms at the playground.

8. Our marriage was strengthened as we learned to care for each other in the midst of waiting, traveling and transition.

7. Kayla had incredible opportunities to spend quality time with her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. She has a special relationship with them now.

6. We were blessed by visiting so many churches, friends and supporters. We were deeply encouraged by Christ's body around the country. God has raised up a beautiful group of people out of the

local church that is praying us to Peru.

5. We were able to be involved with at risk kid's ministry as a family last summer.

4. We attended a Spanish congregation and were able to make some great Latin friends.

3. This year, most of our Lima team was in the States. We were able to spend time with them and get to know them better before we are in the field with all of those challenges.

2. God has grown in us a stronger passion and longing for the at risk children in Lima. Now, more than ever, we are confirmed of our call and eagerly anticipating our departure date.

1. We were able to be close to family and friends for the birth of our second child, Isabella Grace Ross!

Once we started counting, we realized that we could have made a list of "TOP ONE HUNDRED REASONS". Isn't God good in exceedingly and abundantly answering our prayers and providing for us?

Please rejoice with us as we see God's sovereign hand at work!



“He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.”
Isaiah 40:11

We have been nestled in the arms of our Father this year, feeling the guiding staff of the shepherd and knowing of His tender comfort as His beloved children.

LABOR PAINS

We have found that this support raising process has many similarities to the process of pregnancy, labor and delivery. There is a lot of waiting, a lot of eager anticipation. There are many different aches and pains along the way. As the big day gets closer, there is a certain anxiety. “When will it happen? Will I be ready? What will life be like?” etc. Then, there is of course, the labor, so close to the goal, but needing to persevere a little longer and “push” a little harder. We are at the “labor” phase of getting to Peru, so close, yet not quite on our way. Our hope is to leave in April, however, we need our last little bit of support by the middle of March before we can buy our plane tickets. Many of our friends have said, “When you get ready to go, let us know what you need, and we’ll see what we can do.” Now is the time. We’re ready to go! Please pray about how you might join us as we keep our eyes on the goal, caring for the children of Lima. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of so many of you. Thank you for laboring with us as God has prepared us to go.

As I (Amanda) have so recently experienced pregnancy and labor, the most beautiful miracle was seeing the face of our little Bella. So, we long to see the beautiful faces of the children God has called us to serve.

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Kid’s Korner



With overwhelming joy, we would like to announce the birth of our second daughter,

Isabella Grace Ross
“Bella”

“Isabella” means “consecrated to God”,
and

“Bella” means “beautiful” in Spanish.

She was born February 3rd and was 8 pounds, 14 ounces and 19 inches long.