

Articles from Arequipa

The Ross Family

November 2006 Update



We are loving our time in the beautiful city of Arequipa! (see photo above of volcano Misti)

This past month, we had the privilege of going to Panama for a Mission to the World conference with over 200 missionaries from Latin America. We were blessed by the worship and the sermons from Isaiah 43. We also learned about missionary life and how to say “good-bye” well and mourn the losses and rejoice in the benefits of being on the field. Overall, it was an incredible time of refreshment and fellowship. Now, we are beginning to look for a house in Lima and researching moving companies. We are hoping to move in January. It’s hard to believe that it is time to move again, but we are thankful for where God has brought us and for what He has for us in 2007.

***Please pray for us in this time of transition, that God would provide a house in the location where He wants us to be and take care of all the details.**

***Please pray for our Spanish as we continue to strive to improve and develop our ability to communicate.**

***Please pray for endurance for our team as they continue to minister in Lima.**

Staying in Touch- we always love hearing from you. Our address is changing in January to:
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Day of the Dead

A national holiday in Peru, also called “All Saints Day,” was celebrated here on November 1. In Peru, the belief is that for 24 hours, the gates of Heaven are opened, and all the friends and family that have died have the freedom to come and visit them. So, they make the deceased family member’s favorite meal and set the table with an extra place with a picture of that person. It is assumed that the person who has died will be there with the family enjoying the meal and everyone takes time to remember and honor that person. Then, everyone goes to the grave site and toasts using the dead person’s favorite drink, and they remember them again.

We can see the value in remembering our heritage and those that have come before us. But our hearts were saddened because many here are praying “to” and “for” family and friends that have already died. The focus is on the dead rather than on the living. Because of Christ, we can rejoice because there is no more power in death.

Please pray with us that God will open the hearts of those that are lost and allow them to see the great victory of the resurrection and the opportunity of a personal relationship with the Savior.

“Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting....But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” I Cor. 15: 54-56

Happy Thanksgiving!

During this holiday season, we are again reminded of the incredible gift that you are in our lives. We could not be here without you. We thank God daily for the army of prayer warriors, faithful supporters and wonderful friends that He has given us back home. And while we are admittedly a little homesick this time of year, we are all the more grateful that we are His precious children and exactly where He wants us to be. Thank you for your part in that, and we pray God’s richest blessings on you and your family.

With Grateful Hearts from Peru,
Jeremy, Amanda, Kayla and Bella Ross