

# Articles from Arequipa

The Ross Family

September 2006 Update

## Eyes to Lima

We are so blessed to be here in Arequipa studying Spanish. We have talked with many missionaries who have struggled and struggled to learn Spanish as they had to jump into full-time ministry with NO formal language training. We are part of an excellent program with incredible teachers (see photo below) in a one-on-one classroom setting.



When we have opportunity to worship and pray in English, we are deeply impacted by the spiritual depth of being able to speak in our heart language. That only motivates us more to really learn Spanish well so that we can clearly communicate the message of the Gospel and spiritual truths to those God has call us to minister.

**We cannot properly express to you our appreciation for you and your generosity in allowing us to study Spanish.**

Even as we are thankful to be here, God has given us an ever-increasing desire to be in Lima and to be caring for the at risk children there. We as a family have seen a shift in our thinking as we get closer and closer to being able to throw ourselves into full-time ministry. We can't wait!

**Please continue to pray that God will give us an aptitude for this language and a patience and desire to understand and internalize its grammar and**

## So, what's going on in Lima?

God is continuing the work that He has begun in Lima among the church plants and with children at risk. Just to give you a taste and so that you will share in our anticipation in getting there (and so you can know how to pray), here's a few exciting things that we can share with you.

- Short term teams this summer have paved the way for a new church plant in Salamanca.
- Evangelism training in the Santa Anita Church plant is happening every Saturday afternoon. Last Saturday, seven people accepted Christ!
- Women's Discipleship in the Santa Anita Church plant started last week.
- Health classes are being taught by a nurse on our team to all the parents of the kids involved in the Day Care Center in Huaycan.
- A children's Sunday School has been started in a slum area of Lima called Amauta. The prayer for this area is that a church plant will come out of this budding ministry.

To find out more about more about what's going on in Lima, please check out our team's website at: [www.mtwsa.net/limanewcity](http://www.mtwsa.net/limanewcity) (especially our team leader's updates- Mark and Lori Berry)





## KIDS KORNER

Kayla got to be in a parade with her pre-school to celebrate Peru's Independence Day. She (and Bella-notice the black braids) are dressed in traditional clothing from Cusco. Kayla turned more than a few heads being the only blonde-haired Peruvian. Her line in the program was, "Te amo Peru!" I LOVE PERU! It's true too. Both the girls are loving it here.



## A Glimpse at the Culture

### On our Knees

(where the real work is done)

- Please pray for depth of relationships with Peruvians as our Spanish becomes more natural
- Please pray for our times with the Lord, that we would drink deeply in His fountains of mercy.
- Please pray for balance in our schedules as we study and spend time with our girls
- Please pray for the Wards and the Salvatierra's as they raise support in order to join our team
- Please pray for our South America conference with MTW in October in Panama, that we would be refreshed and encouraged

- To make some extra money, many families turn their garage or one of their rooms into a little store called a "tienda." Its kind of like a 7/11. It's great! Every few houses has a store. We frequent our neighborhood tienda's regularly.

-Many of the houses here have a little one-room house on their roof. These little houses are rented out to another family or sometimes are turned into in-laws quarters.

-We've mentioned before that we have a "watchman" that watches our neighborhood for safety. Part of our payment to him is lunch once a month and a thermos of coffee for the night shift guy.

-Bella is about the only baby anyone sees around here because when babies are taken out, they are bundled up like little Eskimos and layers of blankets cover them so you can't even see them. There could just as easily be a sack of potatoes under those blankets for all we know!

## STAYING IN TOUCH

We would love to hear from you! We send out a monthly e-mail update, but have been having trouble sending it out. Please see our website (on front) for our most recent updates, and we will hopefully have things straightened out soon. If you are not receiving that, please e-mail us your address at [kaylagoestoperu@aol.com](mailto: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: Jeremy and Amanda Ross 14200 S.W. 78 Ave. Palmetto, Bay, FL 33158.

**We also have a new blog. Check it out at: [www.xanga.com/kaylabellainperu](http://www.xanga.com/kaylabellainperu)**

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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*