

Peru Ponderings

The Ross Family

April 2007 Update

Praise Points

-We had a successful trip to Arica, Chile and were able to finally receive the girl's resident visas

-the Salvatierras family have made it safely to Peru and are now in language school preparing to join our team in Lima in about 6 months

-Kayla is loving going to school, making friends and becoming more comfortable with Spanish every day.

Prayer Points

We have been given the distinct privilege by Mission to the World to begin a street child ministry, working alongside the church plants in Lima. Right now, we are in the research phase of putting together a vision statement and clearly laid out objectives. We NEED your prayers. We NEED God's powerful intervention in this ministry. Here are the questions that we would humbly ask for you to pray through, that God would provide the answers in His timing.

-What type of street child ministry? Who will be our focus? (young children, older children, girls, boys, etc.) What involvement will we have with the parents?

-What area of Lima should we work in?

-How can we get the churches involved? Local churches? Churches in upper class neighborhoods? Our supporting churches in the States?

-How can we get others involved, in construction? In legal matters etc.

-Funding Questions- how much money do we need?

-Personnel- Who will we hire? What will be the process?

-Goals- What is the timing? What is our 5 and 10 year plan?

There will be many other questions along the way, but this is a start ☺

We are now talking with and visiting other street children ministries in Lima to learn how to begin one and what are the areas of great need. Please pray for God's appointed meetings and His blessings and guidance as we build relationships and see other works.

Fun with the Culture

-Teacher Alert- There are not enough teachers in Lima, nor are there enough school buildings. So, in any given school building, there are three different school sessions. Some kids go to school from 7am-11:30am, others from 12pm-4pm, and still others from 4:30-8pm. Now that's a long day to teach!

-Mom alert- In Peru, some moms potty train their babies at 8 months old. I was definitely skeptical at this idea at first, but I have seen a mom and baby in training, and it actually works. It definitely saves money on diapers!

-Shopper alert- For those of you who may do some shopping here in the beautiful city of Lima, here is a tip that I recently learned. Put your money in many different pockets of your pants. There are two reasons for this.

Ministry Highlight

Below is a picture of the kids that are involved in the Huaycan afterschool program. They receive lunch, have devotions and work on their homework. Please pray for each one of these precious children: Yasmin, Marcos, Juan T., Juan C., Ismael, Daniel, Benjamin, and Alonso.



Thank you for your prayers and commitment to us. May your celebration of Easter give you a reflection of our eternity in Heaven at the feet of the Living Christ.

With Joy,
Jeremy, Amanda,
Kayla and Bella
Ross