

Peru Ponderings

The Ross Family

August 2007 Update

Marked by Mercy

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Matthew 5:7

I was walking back home after dropping Kayla off at school a couple of weeks ago, and a young mom with her beautiful 6-month old daughter stopped me and asked if I needed anyone to wash my clothes. She was trying to earn money to buy some cough medicine for her baby. She had been knocking on doors in our neighborhood for 3 days looking for work. She lives in a tiny room with her aunt who mistreats her and her older son who is 6. She does not know where the father of her two children is.

I was able to go with her to buy some medicine and help her out with a few other things. I have invited her to church and talked to her a couple of times since then. Meeting her burdened my heart even more for the home that we are starting, for the privilege to spend our days caring for girls like this.

We are all surrounded by hurting people with sometimes overwhelming needs. Please pray for God to give us wisdom in how to care for them in a responsible, yet merciful way, and to share the gospel of Christ to them by words and by our deeds. We want our family to be marked by mercy and generosity. Sometimes, we become paralyzed by the questions: “Will they use the money the right way? What if they are making up this whole story? What if they are just getting close to me to rob me? What if we become bombarded by the requests from others with great needs? How should we respond?

It a seemingly complicated situation, but in reality, should it be so difficult? Why can't we just respond with unconditional love and leave the results up to our Savior?

Missions Conference Announcement

Have you heard about the Mission to the World's Missions Conference that is held every 3 years in Atlanta, GA? It is an incredible experience with different tracks of seminars and the opportunity to meet missionaries from around the world (like us ☺)

We have the privilege of being able to attend this year, and we would LOVE to see you there. It is November 16-19, and if you are interested, you can

COMING SOON!

Keep your eyes open next month (September) for a letter in your mailbox (or e-mail box) announcing the name, theme verse and logo of the new girl's home. We are just putting the finishing touches on the vision and mission statement and will share that with you as well!



Staying in touch with us:

We always love to hear from you. We now have a Vonage phone, so you can call us anytime as if we lived in the States. Just dial 1-954-636-1896. It is charged to you just like an “in country” call. It really is quite amazing!