

# Peru Ponderings

The Ross Family Update

June 2007

## **“Life is something to be endured.”**

You can see it in their eyes, in the way their shoulders slump and their feet shuffle along the sidewalk. They are a people burdened with life, the anxieties of daily survival, and the reality of lost hope.

Our team leader said to me after his participation in a funeral for a Peruvian sister in Christ, that for many here, “Life is something to be endured.” Those words have echoed in my mind ever since, ...as I sit in the back seat of a taxi and watch moms with their babies strapped to their backs begging at every street corner, ... groups of street kids doing cartwheels in between the cars at stop lights in the hopes that they will earn a few pennies, ...sitting on public transportation (a mini-van) and watching how desperately tired and worn out everyone looks, ...exhaustion in the enduring.

Is this what God has for His cherished children? One more day to endure in agony? Absolutely not! The Scriptures are filled with fulfilled promises of a better life, a life of rejoicing and dancing, a life of freedom and hope, a life with an eternal future where there is no more pain. II Cor. 3:17 says, “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” That’s right, FREEDOM!... to laugh, to love, to live with our heads held high because we are royalty, heirs to the throne of Christ. This is what our Savior and King offers to us, and we have the privilege of being here in Peru to see

burdened and lost around us. It doesn’t get any better than this!

Thank you for being part of this, for being ambassadors of Christ’s grace and mercy, and for making it possible for us to be here. Please keep praying. So many are lost, so many are looking for a new life. As we begin relationships with these lost and empty individuals, pray for us. God is doing a mighty work. He is bringing His lost children home, and we feel honored to be here to see it.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



### Salamanca Church Plant

We’ve been talking about it for months. Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> was the first Sunday meeting of the Salamanca Church Plant. The beautiful family in this picture are Enrique, Marta, Romina and Janella. They are new Christians with a heart to serve and leadership skills. They are one of the key families helping to begin this church.

*Please pray that God would grow His church.*



Lima New City Team Prayer Calendar July 2007

Please join us in praying our vision verse: "Jesus went throughout Galilee, *teaching* in their synagogues, *preaching* the good news of the kingdom, and *healing* every disease and sickness among the people." Matthew 4:23 (italics added) 1. teaching, 2. preaching, 3. ministries of mercy and justice

**Week of July 1-7**

1. "His Kingdom Come"- to the lost in Lima, pray for boldness in presenting the Gospel.
2. Mark as he preaches at the new church plant in Salamanca
3. Susan, Jeremy and Amanda as they spearhead the street child's ministry, that God would open doors and give spiritual wisdom and insight

**Week of July 8-14**

1. Children's Sunday School Training- pray that God would equip His saints
2. That God would be raising up Godly men to lead in Salamanca
3. A place to rent or buy that we could develop into a home for street girls

**Week of July 15-21**

1. The Salvatierras family as they learn Spanish in order to join us soon.
2. July 18 prayer and fasting as a team- for God's powerful presence
3. The Sunday afternoon kid's club in Salamanca, that many would hear and respond to the Gospel

**Week of July 22-28**

1. Unity as a team, grace and guidance as Mark leads us.
2. PRAISE- God provided a great location for the Salamanca church plant, a school building for FREE!
3. The Ward Family as they raise support to join us soon.

**Week of July 29-August 4**

1. Susan, Becca and Laura as they disciple several new Christians
2. Pastors in Lima- God would strength, encourage and enable them.
3. Short term team from Christ Community Church is here doing a Children's Arts camp. Please pray for an outpouring of the Gospel.

A LITTLE DIFFERENT LOOK

As a team, we have been burdened to see God's people PRAYING for what He is doing here in Lima and what He is going to do. We know so many of you are already doing this, and we thank you in advance for your continued prayers. We wanted to develop a monthly prayer list that was usable and specific and that would report to you praises as your prayers are being answered.

On the opposite column is our first attempt at a prayer calendar that allows you to pray through our vision verse with three main focuses: 1. preaching, 2. teaching, 3. ministries of mercy and justice (see left side). This calendar will be available to you monthly on our webpage: [limanewcity.mtwla.org](http://limanewcity.mtwla.org) and in a printable version in case you want to put it in your Bible or somewhere that you will see it regularly. We dare not work a day in this ministry without a prayer covering of God's faithful warriors. We hope this prayer calendar will be helpful to you, and we are excited to watch how one by one God will answer each one of these prayers for His own glory!



The highlight of our month was having my (Amanda's) sister and family come for a visit. It was such an encouragement being able to show them around and to share our hearts for this beautiful city. Their church is partnering with us in our ministry, and we look forward to many who will come and care for the street children as this ministry gets started. With Joy, The Ross Family