

Peru Ponderings

The Ross Family Update

January 2008

“She ran away last week, and we don’t know where she is...”

“I broke the window and cut my wrists with the glass...”

“I have a son. He is in a government-run orphanage...”

O oown home within the next year. Please pray thisthis verse for us as we trust the Lord with this the new year.

These were comments that we heard as we spent time each week with a group of teen girls who live at something like a juvenile detention center here in Lima. Susan, our team member, Elita, one of our pastor’s wives, and I (Amanda) went each Friday afternoon for 5 months to get to know these girls and share the Gospel with them. Nearly all of these girls come out of abusive situations and many come from living in the streets.

It was not an easy time. We were cursed at, made fun of, caught in the middle of a fight, disrespected and generally confused at times.

But, we serve a great God that can overcome all these barriers and reign triumphant. We know that God is faithful to draw His children to Himself. During our time, we received many hugs. We saw girls asking eternal questions and praying with us. We were blessed by girls opening up to us and sharing their lives.

We now have an opportunity to lead a mom and baby group at another group home that is for teen moms and their babies every Saturday morning. This home is run by the government and the Catholic church. We thank the Lord for giving us favor in the eyes of the nuns that run the home.

Please pray for us as we get to know these young girls who have babies of their own, as we learn from them, as we share the Gospel with them, and as we continue to prepare to begin

“We continually remember before our God and Father your word produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” I Thes. 1:3



Some of the girls at our Christmas party

Our Big News!

What do car seats, road rage, getting lost, a clutch, saving lots of time, spending lots of gas money, but not spending lots of taxi money have in common?

That’s right! We have a car. Our oldest new car we’ve ever had. It’s a ’93 Ford Escort, and we are thrilled. We are praising God for providing a vehicle for us when we thought it could be years before we would be able to afford one. We are loving our new independence and learning all the back roads and especially being able to be responsible for driving our own family around town.

Please pray for our safety. Any of you who have been on the roads in Lima know the chaos we are entering. We need the Lord’s protection every day.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We love hearing from you.

With Joy, The Ross Family

