Peru Ponderings

The Ross Family Update

March 2009

" But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..."
Galatians 6:14a

I have been learning a lot in this process of opening the girl's home, a lot about Peruvian culture, a lot about paperwork and protocol, a lot about persistence and politicians. And I have been learning a little about myself in the process, like how incompetent and incapable I am of doing much of anything, of how little I really have to do with the incredible things that God is doing to open doors for the girl's home to start.

Earlier this week, I went with our lawyer to the municipality to present a letter asking for special permission for us to get a license to open the girl's home. We started out on the first floor with long lines and a big "NO!" So, we went to the second floor and talked to the next rung of decision makers. Things were looking pretty good, so we went to the third floor to see if by any chance, we could talk to a representative. She was willing to see us, and after we told her about the home, she said, "Come with me. We are going to the Mayor's office." Our lawyer was looking quite stunned as that never happens and people wait forever never getting a chance to talk with the Mayor. We ended up talking with the vice-Mayor who sounded very positive and is going to talk to the Mayor on our behalf.

As we walked out, we were laughing about how "unlikely" it is that we could have gotten to talk to that many politicians in just one visit. We are a small mission, foreigners, Christians, Spanish is our second language, opening a small home tucked away in a corner. All of these things show how insignificant we are in the eyes of these government heads, yet…

God saw fit to open doors on that day.

We have to join with Paul in saying that there is absolutely nothing to boast about in and of ourselves, we can only boast in Christ, our crucified and resurrected Savior.

This is why we are called here. This is why we are so excited to see the girl's home opening.

And during this Easter season, the cross of Christ is why we join with you in celebrating that fact that we are nothing and He is everything. He saw us as the wretched sinners we are yet poured out His grace to redeem each of us. Now with open arms, He receives us as rightful heirs to His heavenly Kingdom and seats us at the King's table.

The growing Ross family would like to wish you a blessed Easter, filled with indescribable joy and peace as you remember the price paid on our behalf and the miracle of a Risen Lord who reigns in us.

In Christ,
Jeremy, Amanda, Kayla, Bella and Janna

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