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### **The Word of the Lord..**

Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.....

..... While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus....

.....By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. Acts 3:2-8; Acts 3:11-13; Acts 3:16

### **...By Faith in the Name of Jesus...**

*Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?*

Sometimes I get tickled at how people perceive missionaries, although I have to admit that I used to have the same "awed" view as well. Of course, most of my friends who know me well KNOW the truth about missionaries - we are people (you know, the sinful but forgiven type) who feel called to tell other sinful but not yet forgiven types about Jesus, usually in another country (although we certainly need it here in

the US!).

Sometimes I marvel at the "courage" God has to send someone like me anywhere to be his witness. (Doesn't he see me in traffic, alone in the car, calling the next person an idiot?) Well, he certainly sees much worse than that. He sees into the depths of my heart and knows the dark capacity for sin there that not even I could comprehend. And yet, he has called me out of that darkness and into a light of forgiveness and grace. How can I NOT proclaim his word? And why am I astonished any time I see God at work through ME?? Using ME?? (or any of the other sinful but forgiven types on my team!). **GOD** is the one to be praised! He is the one who accomplishes his work! What a privilege it is to be called his child!

Praises be to the God of glory who saves the stubborn, sinful, independent, lost ones and then calls them his own! **Please continue to pray that God will do his work in and through me for the PURPOSE OF HIS OWN GLORY, and so that others might be saved.**

### **...A Short Trip to Peru...**

Yes, it is possible to take a short trip to Peru! I was there for a little over 3 days. I can't begin to tell you how good the trip was. I am still thanking God for the opportunity to go and to support Wilber and the others as they celebrated this tremendous time of achievement and God's graciousness in their lives!

Much was accomplished during those 3 days, and Wilber was truly happy. He had completed his 4 years of study against so many odds, and I know it meant a lot to him that his "aunt" had come down from the US to honor him and to celebrate with him.

I was able to arrange and take care of

many details for Wilber and the others in terms of bus tickets, food, lodging, cargo shipping and just DETAILS of getting them from Lima to Cusco in January. It is a great load off of MY shoulders to know that those things have been arranged for them.

Wilber is one of four Peruvians that graduated from the Evangelical Seminary in Lima that will be coming to Cusco to work with my team. Along with Wilber (Torres), Javier and Leny Vasquez (a couple), and Edinson Fernandez will be coming. Of course I want to be sure that everyone understands that Leny, Javier's wife, also attended the seminary and graduated! So, please pray for these four (Wilber, Javier, Leny, and Edinson) as they make the transition, say their goodbyes in Lima, and head to Cusco to spend several years training with our team.

- finishing my single transaction bank business in under one hour
- orderly traffic
- no breaking in line
- going barefoot in the house
- not having to worry if my US money bills have a slight tear on the edge
- respect for personal space in line
- boxes of Kleenex around the house
- sour cream
- not throwing up every month
- my dentist
- kitty litter
- English
- My car
- Trust in the police and fire depts
- Pants my size
- Water pressure in the shower
- Flushing the paper



Leny, Javier, Wilber, Edinson, Laura

### ...The Things I Will Miss...

I won't be leaving for Peru until at least April 2006, but during my time here in the US I have once again realized that there are so many things (not to mention people) that I will miss when I do go back to Peru. Here is a small sample of things that have come to mind:

- the leaf blower
- leaves
- the Braves (ooooooooohhhh)

I'm sure the list will grow. I also know that when I do get back, I will see all of the things I appreciate and enjoy about Peru, and I will send that list then!

God bless,

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