

The Gutierrez

summer update



Dear Friends and Fellow Laborers,

<http://www.mtwsa.net/people/ogutierrez.htm>

As we continue on the path towards Lima, Peru, we find ourselves living in Marion, North Carolina as guests of the Story Memorial Presbyterian Church manse. I have had the pleasure of taking part in this church's outreach, including leading a group of college students on a short trip to Mississippi. While we were there, we were involved in a rebuilding project as part of the Katrina relief effort. One of the things that stood out the most was seeing the utter devastation surrounding the Biloxi First Presbyterian Church, but yet the actual church building was relatively unharmed. The Lord is truly merciful to His people.

We are thankful that during our time here in Marion, Janett has been taking ESL classes, and her English is improving. In Peru she will assist the ministry by teaching ESL classes. She is also part of a woman's bible study group in the church, which has enabled her to fellowship and build relationships with the other women here. We are thankful that the Lord has allowed us to have an almost free membership to the local YMCA, which gives us a venue to keep our family active. Both Dito and Esther are enjoying swimming lessons, something we had hoped for but had not counted on. Even in the seemingly small things, the Lord has seen fit to provide for us.

I recently returned from a trip to California where I had the opportunity to share our ministry vision with over twenty churches. We ask that you pray, along with us, that these churches will partner with us. Please pray that churches who have verbally committed to support us will respond by sending in their financial support. It is so comforting the way the Lord works; one church that was unable to support us due to their budget recently sent me an application for support. It is responses like these that remind me of the Lord's faithfulness to me and His ministry.

We plan to take part in the "Living in Grace" conference in September as well as a pre-field conference that will take place from mid-January to mid-February. We ask for prayer that the Lord would lead us to the financial resources required for us to attend these MTW required trainings. In addition, pray that He would prepare our hearts and minds to make the most of these experiences in preparation for the field. We thank you, our partners, for what you have already contributed, and for those who have yet to join us, we extend the invitation of becoming an experiment in God's hands along with us. Let us see what the Lord chooses to do with us!

In His Service,

Please send your financial contributions to:

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