

# December Update

Dear Friends,

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There are many times in life when our hearts desire something, but we realize that because it is a want, and not a need, we have to hold off on that desire for a better time. With bills to pay, children to care for, and support to raise, it is hard to justify spending money on anything but the essentials. That is why when we talked about our desire to visit Peru as a family, we knew that it could not happen unless the Lord provided for us.

It had been two years since Janett had been back to Peru. During that time, we added little Esther to our family, and Janett's heart had been strongly convicting her of the urgent need to witness to her unbelieving mother. She realized the necessity in speaking candidly about the Gospel to her family and friends in Peru. She also wanted her mother to meet Esther and to see our son Dito again. The more we thought about it, the more we realized that God had laid this on our hearts for a reason. But how could we afford to fly our family down there?



Esther and Janett's mother

A few weeks later, a pastor friend announced that he was moving to Virginia. I spent three days helping him move, and during the course of our time together, we discussed our desire to go to Peru. After he was all settled in, this pastor called to say that he wanted to give us his frequent flyer miles towards a ticket! I was able to acquire another free ticket, which meant that we only needed to buy one more for Dito. God had opened the doors for us to go to Peru, and we gratefully walked through them.



Building the church roof

The trip was a wonderful time with both of our families. While in Huanta, we helped build the roof on one of the Quechua churches that some of our group members down there are trying to start. Janett set up a meeting with some of her unbelieving University friends, and shared the Gospel with them. But, the most rewarding part of the trip for us, was being a part of Janett's mother's conversion to Christ! The Lord answered all of our prayers and brought one more to Himself! We are so thankful to be able to call Janett's mother a sister in Christ!

We also found out while we were in Peru that Janett was pregnant with twins. While we were excited about the news, we also knew that one of them was not as strong and might not survive the whole pregnancy. In God's perfect grace, we did lose one of the babies, and although it has been sad, we have grown so much through this. It has been so amazing to watch Janett's maturity through her grief.



Gerardito "Dito" going to Peru

## go and make disciples of all nations

- Matthew 28:19

Not only has she been able to easily say that this is the Lord's will, but she has not blamed herself or anyone for losing this little one. We are so thankful for the other baby that will arrive this April, and we are thankful to God for taking this other one, because His reasons are perfect and beyond what we can understand. Please pray for this little one that it will continue to stay healthy and that both the baby and Janett will be kept safe.



Catholic church in main square (Ayacucho)



Worshipping on Sunday

This spring, we are going to reassess our ministry account and support. We are aching to be down in Peru, and we know that is where God has called us, but our support is still low and not increasing. We are going to reevaluate how much we need in our budget and if there are any expenses we can live without. We know the Lord will provide, and we want to be good stewards of the money He has given us through you, our supporters.

As I think about the discouragements we have had with raising support and losing the baby, I am reminded of a study I am doing right now on Job. He lost so much more than we have, and yet he was able to say that God is good, in and out of season. We don't know what the Lord has planned for our lives, but we trust that we are in the palms of His faithful hands, and nothing is outside His will. We praise and thank God for everything He has done in our lives.

Thank you for your continued support. We are so thankful for your faithfulness to our ministry. Please pray with us as we reassess our goals and timeline for Peru. Pray that we would have wisdom and know what expenses to cut out. Pray that we would continue to raise the money we need. Would you consider giving an end-of-the-year gift? And please pray with us as we praise God for Janett's mother. Pray for her spiritual growth and that she would pursue God with all her heart.

We are excited to see what another year holds for us. Thank you for partnering with us in our ministry.  
Merry Christmas,

Osman, Janett, Dito, Esther, and Baby



Dito and Esther having fun in Peru

### What do we need?

We need you to help us jump start our support raising for 2007. Please consider sending us an end of the year gift! Remember, your gifts are tax-deductible and you will receive a receipt.

### How do we give?

Please send all support to:  
Mission to the World  
P.O. Box 116284  
Atlanta, GA 30368-6284

Please indicate in the memo that it is for Osman and Janett Gutierrez account # 012780

Or call:  
MTW at 678-823-0004 ext. 2451

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