

**Blessed: enjoying the bliss of heaven**

*Matthew 5: 3-9*

I found the above definition in studying the Beattitudes. We hear them preached on in sermons once a month and also in our prayer meetings but I wasn't really connecting. I didn't really feel I could pray those honestly, as my heart seemed hard. But God is faithful and He's teaching me them in Bible Study Fellowship, too. It's so neat how they build on one another and can only be realized with the Holy Spirit's power. Now I'm asking God to work them in me and I really see how I can take joy in being spiritually bankrupt, mournful of my sins, humble/teachable, hungry and thirsty for His righteousness, merciful, heavenly single-minded, a justified reconciliation-seeker and hated glory-sharer.



I am tremendously blessed as organizer of children's ministries at Luz de Vida, our church. Although I have experience with children and even a little organizing of children's church workers, this is the most extensive work I have ever done. Making an application, training and organizing all the parts of a curriculum occupies most of my week. As the teachers read the commentary and make our lessons, we learn so much by helping the kids apply it to their lives. It is encouraging to see the adults excited and the kids enjoying the flannelgraph stories and activities from Genesis. All the way, God has blessed me. It is another example of how God shows up in our weaknesses (2 Cor 12:9). And he gets all the glory!

***DOMI girls***

After initial research about work with at-risk children in Salamanca, The Rosses and I found a police run temporary home for kids, 0- 18, and the Catholic church run, state funded shelters for adolescent girls and teen girls with babies. Amanda and I began visiting the adolescent girls' home called La Estancia "DOMI" and we're sharing a fruit of the Spirit with them each week. They are a definitely a hard group but give us a great view of the culture from which the girls we will minister to come. Many have experiences with different churches and seem confused about what they believe. We hope to build trust with them and their leaders to hear some of their stories and minister God's grace to their hearts. Please pray for our next decisions in this ministry as we progress in the development of our own home, House of Glory. Also, for two girls who escaped from this home, Emily, and Carito, who has a 3 year old son, Christopher.



**Rosa, Lidia, Wendy, Claudia, Amanda**

**PRAISE and Thanksgiving**

- My grandmother is doing well after her fall last month, She turned 87!
- Sunday School has begun with gusto, I'm learning lots.
- We had 4 teams come from the states to work in disaster relief in Cañete and many of our Peruvian friends got to be missionaries, too.
- The spiritual warfare conference was a great blessing to many, even outside our church community.