

# Perú

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## Beginnings in Language School

I know most of you have already heard that we're here and are getting settled. You might be interested to know what our third-world apartment looks like. It doesn't appear third world at all. You can see photos on our website ([www.soarchrist.com](http://www.soarchrist.com)). Let me assure you, however, that those aren't Italian leather couches and the hot water still doesn't work. Nevertheless, the apartment is wonderful and we are very thankful for it. It's a few minutes by taxi to just about everything: the language school, stores, and the Clinica Arequipa (where Meghan will give birth to our second child).

The language school folks have been most accommodating and while we don't have real hot water yet, they are coordinating with the landlord (who of course speaks no English) a plan. I think by Jan 25 we'll have something—not sure what yet. Yesterday they installed a device attached to the shower head that has electrical wires running to the wall and into a breaker switch. I never thought having 220 Volts attached to something on your showerhead is supposed to be considered safe, but apparently, this is what we got. It's some kind of heater because it does warm the water to about 70 degrees or so.

The mornings have the least amount of cloud cover and you can get a good view of Misti (one of the three volcanoes around Arequipa—all non active). It's amazing. You'll see the great earth rise up to the sky and meet the clouds; and if you continue moving your eyes upward, your breath disappears as the white peaks pierce through the roof of the clouds and hover over all. Quite amazing. The beauty of God's Creation in Peru is no doubt one of the most marvelous things to see on Earth. You can see some photos of our apartment and the gorgeous view online.

With all this said, this isn't vacation. This isn't Puerto Rico where 2/3 of the people speak some English. Furthermore, Arequipa faces the same issues that most Peruvian cities have: no middle class. The influence of Catholicism upon a very ritualistic and superstitious people renders little Jesus figurines and images to be charms of good luck and fortune. If only the Bible was a glass ball!

We begin language school in little over a week giving us time to get more acclimated to the area. Although, we are quite eager to get started. Waiting a week was good advice from a handful of people so we decided to take it. We're here until August/September or so and then we'll move to Huaraz where we may have to install our own hot water system!

Thanks for your good wishes and a great send-off. We know we are cared for and loved by so many and we appreciate it very much. I don't think we could've left more cheerful and encouraged.

Blessings to you all and we look forward to sharing more joys, prayer concerns, and every cultural faux pas that we gringos stumble upon.

Gracias, nuestra familia. Que Dios les bendiga!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

James 5:16

- ☪ PRAISE: Our traveling was safe and we're now settling in.
- ☪ PRAISE: Our apartment is very nice and everyone has been very hospitable.
- ☪ PRAY: Please pray that Meghan continues to be healthy in her pregnancy.
- ☪ PRAY: For our adjustment to a new culture and everyday expectations.
- ☪ PRAY: We need to find a caretaker for Rachel for 2.5 hrs a day while we're in Lang classes.
- ☪ PRAY: Pray for our investigation into the Clinica Arequipa and that we would feel comfortable having a child here.
- ☪ PRAY: That even though we're not in specific ministries that we would be effective witnesses of the Gospel and an encouragement to the Believers here.
- ☪ PRAY: Pray for the rooster that crows early in the morning. One of these mornings may be its last.
- ☪ PRAISE: We bought a coffee maker to help the Rooster's lifespan.
- ☪ Pray for our spiritual disciplines and our personal growth while here and during our other studies.

Please send us your prayer requests so that we can pray for you also.

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