



Peru

Missionary Newsletter
of Scott and Meghan Dillon

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Prayer Requests

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”
James 5:16

- » Praise: We are beginning to make roots here in Huaraz.
- » Praise: We have had a few of the issues of our house fixed by the Landlord. We have been able to fix the rest ourselves.
- » Praise: We have been attending a church regularly that we know treasures the Scriptures.
- » Pray that God would open some more doors for Scott to work with young adults. There are a few opportunities in the next week.
- » Pray for Hermogenes' family who is grieving his passing away. Pray that we as a team can be a witness of unity and fellowship of the Body of Believers.
- » Pray for our relationship with the Rockwells as we work together with them.
- » Pray for safety in our travels. Dirt + Rainy Season = very dangerous backroads.
- » Pray for fellowship with other believers. We are feeling a bit alone and discouraged sometimes and would like to make some new friends here.

Recent News & Updates

“I believe in the sun even if it isn't shining. I believe in love even when I am alone. I believe in God even when He is silent.”
-- anonymous

Through the past couple months, our involvement in the ministry here in Huaraz has greatly increased. It was difficult at first as we were somewhat preoccupied with getting settled in and just getting to know people at first. However, now we are beginning to dig some of our own trails and get to know some of the people a little more intimately.



Too many cults and religious groups have swept through these hills and thickened the skin of the people. My color and accent directly translate to either selfish missionary or rich miner. In the moment this means my taxi ride or my kilo of strawberries cost more, but deeper down this means I have a lot more work to do. Even the term evangelical has attracted bad stereotypes and it makes for a very difficult beginning to some relationships. Here in the hinterlands the lifestyle speaks much more than the mouth and therefore deep relationships are pivotal for effectual ministry. And good relationships don't usually sprout up in one or two weeks. Thus, the harvest is quite plentiful and the laborers are so stinkin' few.

More specifically, we've been traveling to half a dozen of villages to work with children, to meet with adults, and share the scriptures and sometimes a Jesus video. I have had the opportunity also to visit some of the Quechua in their home. It has been very rewarding and we encourage you to check out our online journal: www.soarchrist.com

****EDIT**** This past week, however, a new friend of mine, Hermogenes, died. He had been diagnosed with severe Rheumatoid Arthritis and most recently cancer. Pray for opportunities to minister to his family. Hermogenes was in his mid-thirties. He was a Christian and is now void of pain and filled with joy.

Collahuasi

Meghan

Every Friday, I am blessed to be a part of the lives of the children who live in the village called Collahuasi. (Coy-Yah-WAH-See) Each Friday afternoon, Larry & Sandy Rockwell get a bunch of apples or oranges, pick me up and we head up to Collahuasi. It's about a 45 minute drive, part of which is on a paved highway (I say that tongue-in-cheek - there may actually be more holes than pavement, but at least it's paved); the other part is dirt road. Many times we pick up kids who are walking up the road to our class. They know why we're there and are so happy to come. As we enter the village itself, we realize there are kids closely following the car, some may have even tried to jump on the back bumper and literally hitch a ride. We are always greeted with those little smiling faces, and we quickly realize that the long, somewhat dangerous ride, *has all been worth it*. They are awaiting our arrival and are thrilled that we're there. We all pile into a small, dark, cold room with a dirt floor - about thirty of us. Larry prays for us, usually in Quechua, which is so awesome to hear. We sing songs to Jesus in Spanish. Then we have a lesson that is usually based on the life of



Jesus. Except for a few kids, most like to hear the story and are amazed at His life. I'm sure that some kids think that the things they hear about Jesus couldn't possibly be real; we assure them they are. Then the older kids do worksheets based on the lesson and the smaller kids color pictures of the lesson. Before we leave, we give them the fruit we brought for them. Recently, we've been asking the kids to look for God in their daily lives. Almost always when we ask them if they have seen Him in their life over the past week all we get in response are blank stares. But a few weeks ago a bright young girl answered that she had lost track of her cow and was very distraught over losing her. Then she prayed to God and, in her words, "He helped me find my cow." How awesome for us to hear how God responds to the prayers of a child - and that she recognized it as the God of the universe who loves her! When it's time to leave it's a little sad knowing we won't see them again for another week. But we know how to pray for them a little better. Once again, the kids hold on to the car and chase it as we go down the mountain back home. What joy in these trips! Please pray for them that they would see God in their lives, that Jesus' life would be real to them, and that we would know better how to minister to them.

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