



# Peru

Missionary Newsletter  
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## Prayer Requests

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

- » Praise: We are confident we are moving in the right direction in regards to ministry and location.
- » Praise: Rachel is learning the language as she has been attending a children's day school.
- » Pray for us as we transition from Huaraz to Cusco.
- » Pray for the orphanage, Arco Iris, who are struggling with a lack of funding and of workers.
- » Pray for our financial support to increase. We are still receiving under 87% of our committed support.
- » Pray through Psalm 138 on our behalf.
- » Pray for the team in Huaraz as they persevere in ministry.

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## God of Wonders

*To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.  
Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power not one is missing.*

Isaiah 40:25 - 26

Here in Huaraz, the galaxy seems bigger. Without the strong lights of big cities, we can see an incredible amount of stars at night and the darkness behind it seems so much farther away. However, not one of those little specks is missing. I don't think I can fathom that—I don't think I would notice if one star went missing even though on my roof at night I feel like I can see all of them. Yet not one is missing. God is always working—even to keep those amazing pockets of light fixed in place. We've learned, however, that God isn't only working to sustain the galaxy, but also to sustain us. He is always one step ahead making sure that the path will be walkable or that we will be caught when we fall. It is absolutely amazing that we live with such little faith when there is so much that is worthy of our trust.

*Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.*

Proverbs 19:21

From the day we started raising support to come to Peru, the Lord began to work in our hearts to teach us that His timing is perfect and we need to trust in Him for our next steps. We're still learning this (do you ever stop?) and most recently, we're making some difficult and large changes that have tested our faith in His plan once again.

Throughout the past three years and even more in the last year of our time in Peru, the Lord has laid on our hearts a strong passion for ministries to young adults and the fatherless. It is through that passion that we have a specific vision to work with the national church here in Peru through these types of ministries to reach orphans, street children, and young adults. Our hope is that we can be a blessing to the evangelical church here in Peru by encouraging and strengthening these types of ministries by participating in their

development—sometimes helping the nationals begin these ministries for the first time.

Over the past six months that we have spent working with the Huaraz mission team, we began to see that the vision and focus of ministry here is quite different than the passions we came with. It wasn't that we were strongly disappointed in the vision here as much as we realized that the needs of the field here are different than what we feel called to and able to provide. We began to consider if we were a good match for the team here.

In the beginning of January, we began devoting a significant amount of time to prayer and reflection on our purpose here in Huaraz. Why did the Lord lead us to a place where we didn't feel we could fit in? We sought advice from pastors, other missionaries, and our closest family and friends. The result is that we feel the Lord leading us in a new direction here in Peru to consider joining the team in Cusco where our passions and gifts may more appropriately match the needs of the team.

## Great Opportunities

Recently we have had some opportunities to participate in some of the ministries of the church we attend here in Huaraz. It's been a privilege getting to know some of the workers there and their dedication to the ministry.

### Canchacuta

One of the church's missional foci is to the communities around Huaraz. Therefore, their third service is completely in the Quechua language and they have a handful of teams that go out throughout the week and visit the villages for bible studies. I (Scott) have been able to visit a village with them named Canchacuta (not sure that my spelling is correct). Every Saturday for the past month, I've been joining a team of Peruvians from the church (and some from other churches) to go to this village for a small meal and a bible study among ten or so Quechua adults and children. This kind of dedication and devotion to the people outside-of-town is not common among nationals and is an encouragement.

I didn't just attend on Saturdays, however. I've been able to participate in their discussions about the truth in the Scriptures and I was able to help with a four-day VBS program that they organized for the children of the village. The last day of the VBS, all of the children from five different villages (100+) came together and were singing praise songs and praying together. What a blessing!

Mission to the World leadership has been involved from the beginning. They have met with the team leader here and myself to determine that a relocation is not inappropriate and that we would be leaving on proper and healthy terms. Their involvement has been instrumental and their support of a relocation is crucial to us.

We are currently in discussion with the MTW leadership in Cusco as to job description, gifting, and sense of calling to determine the best fit for us on the team there and we will most likely be making the transition there in the next week or so.

Please keep us in prayer as we make this transition and begin some new foundations in Cusco. Also pray for the team in Huaraz as they continue to dedicate themselves to the ministry here.



### Youth Retreat

I also had the opportunity to lead worship during the church's youth retreat. I enjoyed three days in the wilderness (and I mean, wilderness) with 34 teenagers and 3 other leaders. Because there wasn't a large number of leaders to students, I was recruited as a fourth youth leader and was able to participate in leading devotions, prayer, and game times.

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