

NOVEMBER 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

“My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. Psalm 62:1, 2

THANKSGIVING, BLESSINGS & UPDATE –

HOME ASSIGNMENT Ministries:

We have been back home on our home ministry assignment (furlough) since September. It has been a great blessing to reconnect with you and share our passions and updates on God’s wonderful work in Peru. Here are some highlights:

- We will be doing our home ministry assignment in 2 phases: Fall 2011 and Spring -Summer 2012.
- We will be involved in S.A. & Peru ministries from mid Jan. – mid March 2012.
- We explain this ministry to our national partners in Peru as a “temporary change of ministry” in accord with Pauline methods in Acts 13-16. Paul returned to his sending church after each missionary journey to report, preach & teach, participate in a council (Acts 15) and minister the Word at every opportunity.
- We have been sharing the missions process with the local churches in Arequipa for years now. To help them understand “furlough”, apart from the teaching mentioned above, we are taking photos of every church we visit and will share a “return to the field” report on our ministries in the U.S.
- It has been a great blessing to share with churches in Towanda, PA. (our sending church), Canton, PA; Baltimore, Glen Bernie MD ; Ross Corners, Johnson City, Binghamton, NY; Afton, Newark Valley, NY; Jackson Summit, Evergreen PA; and pray for upcoming meetings in Williamsport, Tunkhannock, PA; Harpursville, NY; youth winter retreat.
- We have enjoyed other ministry trips to FL., VA, CA, along with some special seminars.



NEWS from PERU:

- New Life church - is doing well under the direction of Co Pastor Paul Vargas and the ministry team there. The youth ministry has been able to reach out, and up to 30 unchurched are attending. Some have now turned to Christ!
- Other ministries are going well and are being directed by our local national partners. The Seminary attendance is down some but the national team is doing a great job of going forward with direction and instruction.
- Promotion to Glory – Our dear co worker in Lima, NEIL HEIM, recently suffered a series of heart attacks and passed on to glory on Nov. 10. Neil and Sandy have ministered faithfully in Lima in wonderful ways. Neil was a great friend, co worker, partner, husband & father, mentor, and trusted servant of God. He touched lives breaking all barriers and crossing various cultures. He was a wise leader on the Peru Field Team. Neil will be greatly missed, and we pray for Sandy and their 4 children during this adjustment time.



PRAYER REQUESTS –



- New Life Church –
 - All ministry goals and plans with Ps. Paul, new apprentice pastors, leadership team and various ministry teams in the church.
 - The need for a Sr. pastor according to God's plan for this church.
 - Upcoming Christmas outreach & church activities running from the end of November – Dec. 31.

- Personal Requests –
 - Stephanie: college studies, work, future direction
 - Nicol: development of her ministry in Arequipa, future direction
 - Debi & Steve: furlough ministries; ongoing care of certain ministries long distance; plans for mid furlough ministries in S.A.
 - 2 Financial needs:
 - Due to certain economic changes our support has dropped and we are in need of several hundred dollars of monthly support

 - Ministry vehicle in Peru – Our 17 year old vehicle in Arequipa is no longer up to outside of the city ministry trips. Steve will be traveling more on ministry/mission trips working with local leaders in various cities. We are praying for funds for a reliable used vehicle upon our return.



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