



"Bringing God's message of hope in action, to all the people we can, wherever we can"

LIMA, PERU MISSION UPDATE by Brian Weller

As I sit here contemplating all that God did while we were in Peru, my heart fills with a gratefulness to the Father. I'm grateful that God would allow us to minister His love and grace to the wonderful people of Peru in spite of our own inadequacies and for the support many of you have given which helps pave the way for us to accomplish His purposes there.



JJ, Brian, Anne and Megan on the Pacific coastline in Lima,

We arrived in Lima about 18 hours late after our 10:50pm flight was cancelled at 4:00am the next morning. God found a way to get us to Peru through Mexico and we arrived just two rows behind Megan (who was flying in from New Jersey) going through Peru customs. **Our trip began by visiting La Gorilla in Pachacutec. The Pastor at La Gorilla had been praying for someone to come visit and help him for quite some time.** With that in mind, you can imagine the welcome we received when we arrived. We were greeted by a multitude of excited children! **They've never had missionaries come and work with them, so they were very appreciative.** Anne and Megan had put together some VBS materials and the rest of the team helped with the music, drama, games and hugging! Sometimes, I think it's the hugs that the kids love the most!



The next day we arrived at the site of the Lima, Peru—Cross Street Youth Camp. When the youth arrived you could see the excitement on their faces and the next four days were all that we hoped they would be and more. **God touched so many lives, including ours. Some youth were saved, while others dedicated their lives to serve God with their whole hearts.** Seeing these young people

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PISCO, PERU MISSION UPDATE by Anne Weller

Our two-week mission trip to Peru was wonderful. I appreciate all the financial support that was given to make this trip possible for Brian, Megan, JJ and myself. Every year is a new experience, although we are building deeper relationships with those we have come to know and love, there are always new people to meet and new opportunities to watch God at work.



It was heartening to visit the Pisco area and see what God is doing through your gifts and the work of dedicated brothers and sisters who live there. We met a beautiful young couple that has a church there. Their house is a

tent inside of the church - really 2 tents, one for sleeping and one that is a kitchen. **They are so joyful and dedicated to the work God has for them, it is humbling to know people such as this, surely their reward is great in the kingdom of heaven.** We have so much here and we do take it for granted. They have so little and have such a grateful spirit.



One area we visited had the small houses that have been built to help restore families to some normalcy after the earthquake. Each family that we visited was so proud of their little home and they commented about how much

warmer they were because they had solid brick structures. These are something sturdy that they can add onto as they have resources. **The people there sent thanks to those here who have helped them.** It is amazing to see what God does with simple ideas and then those who get behind those ideas. **Surely those who have invested in helping the poor in their great need will receive God's blessings in their homes as well.**



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many of which come from the very poor areas of Lima make a connection with God is an extreme blessing! Thank you so much for making this camp possible through your prayers and very generous gifts. **It was also a highlight to see the dramas and choreographed dances that they wrote and presented to the camp and to hear the testimonies they shared about what God is doing in their lives.** (For further updates on camp please visit our web site.)



Lima, Peru Cross Street Youth Camp Ministry Team



Children's ministry at Prince of Peace Church in Puente Piedra (Lima, Peru)

SPECIAL MEDICAL NEED by Anne Weller

We met an 18-year-old girl that was desperate for help. She has a lymph system defect of some sort that does not allow her leg to release fluids.



She has suffered with this condition since she was a baby. She and her mother said there is not help available for her in Peru for this problem. There is a picture of her here. **If you are familiar with this condition or know a doctor that might be able to give advice please contact us. We would like to help her but at this time we need to know what the possibilities are.** Please pray for her- that God will give her grace and that he will send his healing touch to her soul and body.

A special thank you from the children of La Gorilla on our first visit there!

