

Update

Monday, September 18, 2006

Dear Friends,

Many of you wrote us around the time we were leaving for Peru to let us know you were thinking of us and praying for us. Thank you for that. The Lord gave Cheryl strength despite the weakness in her back and the trip ended up being fine.

We are really enjoying living in Peru for the first time. Much of our time so far has been spent doing things necessary to living and ministering in Peru. Things tend to take longer in Peru. I had to take two trips into town, make several phone calls, and wait most of a week to finally get internet/e-mail service. We made our first significant purchase in Peru this past week (a washing machine). Cheryl is learning how to grocery shop in Spanish.

Last Sunday, we visited the Good News Baptist Church in an area of Lima called Musa. The church is only about 8 blocks from where we are living now. It is one of the churches we are considering as a home church. We had the Pastor, Evelio Villalobos, and his family over for dinner (1:30pm) and had a great time getting to know them better. Pray that God will give us wisdom in choosing the right home church.

Yesterday, we visited Faith Baptist Church in an area called Ate. This church was started about 5 years ago by two missionary families here in Lima. One of those families, the Freys, is our neighbor and has been a tremendous help in getting settled here in Lima. They have made our transition much smoother by taking us shopping, letting us wash clothes, and answering about 25 questions a day.

I will be preaching for two events at the end of this month. Pastor Rolando Cruz has started a church in an area on the north side of Lima and has invited me to preach a three-day evangelistic campaign. He is burdened to find ways to reach unbelievers and hopes to accomplish that in this campaign. Starting on October 23rd, I will be preaching for a special week that the Bible College in Trujillo (about 8 hours north of Lima) will be hosting. This is a special opportunity to be able to have an influence on a large number of young people that will go out into full-time ministry in Peru. My desire is that God will do some great things in the spiritual lives of the students that week. Pray for spiritual success in both of these events.

We are planning to jump into some Spanish study soon. Pray that God would lead us to the right teacher who will be able to help Cheryl and me at our appropriate levels.

In Christ,
Tim Chapman

