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Saturday, November 18, 2006

Dear Friends,

On October 23rd, our family took a bus through the night to Trujillo which is 8 hours north of Lima. The buses are actually quite comfortable (unless you're five months pregnant and you're holding your one year-old son all night). I preached 11 times in the Baptist seminary there during the week. I focused on revival and spiritual growth in preaching to the students. I feel like there was a good response to the Word throughout the week.

Before leaving for Peru, we shipped a 20-foot container to Lima from South Carolina that carried all of our housing and personal items. The container arrived at port October 3rd, but we didn't get it to the house until November 10th. The main hold-up was that we didn't have our permanent visas at that point so we were not allowed to receive our container. Despite the delay in getting our container and despite the fact that I paid a lot more than I had intended to pay in storage and usage fees, God gave us a special blessing in all this. The blessing is that because of Cheryl's pregnancy we were allowed to receive our visas here in Lima and not have to leave the country to get them. Others here have told us that this is a rare exception and we are thankful for God's help in this way. Cheryl and I now have our Carnets de Extranjería (Peruvian identification cards).

We bought a van last week. It is a nine-passenger 2002 Hyundai Starex. The Lord provided for us to buy a good van that will help us in hosting groups that come to minister with us. We are very thankful. The only problem is that we can't use the van until we get the title and license number for the vehicle. The notary who is handling the transaction for us told me it would take around 8-9 days. If this ends up being anything like the container I'll start praying that we have it in time to take Cheryl to the hospital when the baby comes in February.

In January, we will begin studying Spanish in our home with a professional teacher. We are planning to have her come three days a week for three hours each day- two hours with Cheryl and one hour with me. Cheryl needs to get a good grasp of the Spanish grammar and expand her vocabulary. I need to fine-tune my speaking ability and learn the rules for writing in Spanish.

Several of the Steve Pettit Team members arrive here this Saturday. They will help us hold several evangelistic campaigns with churches here in Lima. We will put on several outdoor concerts with evangelistic preaching during the two weeks they are with us. We are very excited about them coming and we are looking forward to what God will do during their time here.

Pray with us for the following things:

1. That God would give genuine fruit from our ministry in Trujillo last month.
2. That God would give us fruit from the Pettit Team's ministry here.
3. That God would give us wisdom about where to live once we have to move.
4. That God would help as we anticipate having a baby here in Lima in February.

In Christ,



Tim Chapman

