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Wednesday, December 13, 2006

On Saturday morning, November 25th, a group of seven of our friends arrived in Lima. Jeremy and Misha Frazor came with their 3-month old baby, Cory. Jeremy's sister Sarah and her husband Jason came along with three of the current Pettit Team members Philip Emory, Katie Short, and Riba Snyder. The Lord gave us a wonderful time of fruitful ministry together with this group.



They arrived a 7:00am and by 10:30am we were playing soccer in an outreach tournament. Our first weekend was spent with the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Santa Anita, Lima. We held several evangelistic outreaches including a sacred concert all in Spanish on Sunday night. There were 6 salvation decisions made that night and 9 all together for the weekend. The following Tuesday, we helped a church planter here in Lima, John Poe. He has been knocking on doors daily for about two months in a small area near his home. We walked through the entire area Tuesday afternoon inviting for 2 different concerts we would be holding that night. The first concert we did on a street corner. The second concert we held at a soccer court just a few yards from John's new church local. The Lord gave us a great opportunity to advertise the new church, make good contacts, and present the gospel. From Thursday through Sunday we held an evangelistic campaign with the Salamanca Baptist Church. There were several people who made salvation decisions during those four days. The two I talked with personally were men who lived a ways from the church but had come because of a friend or family member. Both expressed great appreciation to us for the opportunity to hear the gospel and to respond and be saved. We thank the Lord for what He did in the lives of both unbelievers and believers through the ministry of the team.



We didn't have the use of the van the day the team arrived as I had hoped, but by Tuesday I had the title and the certificate of insurance needed to be able to drive it. We thank the Lord almost daily for providing a good vehicle for us.

The Lord has led us in making a final decision concerning a church home for us in Peru. The Gethsemane Baptist Church, mentioned above, is the church we believe God has led us to. The pastor, Henry Morales, and his family have become our good friends. The church is well-established with good leadership and we are grateful that God led both my heart and Cheryl's heart identically on this matter. We plan to spend the majority of our time in our first two years here with this church. We want to have a deep connection with them and we want them to feel a deep connection with our ministry. There is a great group of young people in the church. I would like to start taking some of them with me on short evangelistic trips as soon as possible. Thank you to all of you who prayed with us about this decision.

We leave tomorrow to go to Chile to spend Christmas and New Years with my parents. I will be preaching several times in my dad's church while we are there. Please pray that God will give us fruit from our time with my parent's church.

Two months ago I asked you to pray for Poldark, a young boy who got saved in one of our evangelistic campaigns. The pastor reported to me last week that he has been coming faithfully. Thank you for praying for him. Pray that the Lord will draw each of those that were saved in the last two weeks to a deep relationship with Himself, and that they will become part of a good local church where they live.

We have an internet phone which we use to contact people in the States. Basically, it allows us to have a Michigan phone number but we can use the phone from here in Lima. Our phone number is 989-607-0198 and for anyone in the States calling us at this number it is just like calling a Michigan home phone. Please feel free to call us anytime (during the day, of course).

May God give you each of you a wonderful Christmas season!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Chapman".

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