

June 5, 2008

I'm writing to you this time from Midland, Michigan. We arrived here two weeks ago on May 21st. My youngest brother and sister, David and Karen, are both getting married this month in South Carolina.

The month of May was very full for us. I spent the first week in Paita (a city on the northern coast of Peru) with Pastor Elfer Ato and Bethel Baptist Church. It was a real privilege to spend a week with a man who knows the Lord, and has learned genuine leadership. There were over 600 folks in attendance on Sunday morning as they celebrated the church's anniversary.



I came back to Lima on Monday, and beginning Wednesday, May 7th, I preached a family conference for a church in Lima. Cheryl and the children came with me on Friday night of that week and we took advantage of having Cheryl there to do some special music. Since our children are so young the family rarely travels with me outside of Lima. Neither Cheryl nor I like the fact that I travel a lot while the family stays home. I want Cheryl (and the children as they get a little older) to be heavily involved in what we do in Peru, but with many of the churches not being very conducive to handling young children we've not been sure how to do that. After talking it through with Cheryl, we've decided that I should seek as much preaching in Lima as I can so that I don't have to be away from the family as much. Also, this will allow Cheryl to be more involved in the meetings with me. Please pray that God will continue to guide us concerning how to keep both family and ministry priority without sacrificing one or the other.

These last two weeks in Midland have been a chance for us to slow down and relax with Cheryl's family. This weekend we head to South Carolina where we'll be until the end of June. Besides the two weddings, we'll visit several churches, including Oak Ridge Baptist Church, in Tennessee, where we'll be involved in their missions conference. In July, we'll come back to Midland until August 6th when we fly back to Lima. I'll be working on

some leadership training material and sermon preparation during the month of July taking advantage of a month without as much preaching.

Our plans for beginning a pastoral training center in Nauta are still in place. I'll share more about that in a few weeks.

In Christ,
Tim Chapman