

The Chapmans

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We just finished our summer events here in Peru last week. Lauren started back to school this week along with most students in the country. I had three trips these last two months, and, thankfully, Cheryl and the family were able to join me for two of them.

Ica Trip

In early January our family went to Ica, and I preached a four-night campaign for **Pastor Juan Olivero**. We had a great time there as a family. Pastor Olivero is the pastor who lost his house in the earthquake 19 months ago. We have finally begun construction on his new house. Thank you to all of you who gave toward the earthquake needs over the past year. Your gifts are making it possible to rebuild Pastor Olivero and his family a one-story brick house that will be durable in that seismic region.



Pastor Juan Olivero and his family

Sullana Trip

We began working with the camp ministry of a group of churches in Sullana last March. The churches began this February running two three-day camps in one week. I went with **Segundo Rodriguez** and **Jairo Villegas** and we directed those two camps (a teen camp and an older young people camp). We had about 50 young people in the two camps and I believe it was a good start for the camp ministry there. This year, I will be in contact with the pastors there helping them plan for next year's camps.



Micah enjoying the sand

Lima Camp

Two weeks ago **Matt Collier** and **Steve Stodola** arrived in Lima and we began their first two days here with a camp ministry conference. We had over 60 folks in attendance including about 20 pastors. We wanted to communicate our vision for long-term camp ministry here in Peru and teach them our philosophy of camp ministry. On Monday, March 23rd, we began a week of camp for older young people. The Lord gave us a great week of camp, and there is a lot of enthusiasm among the people here for a quality camp ministry. God is giving us a vision for working in camp ministry long-term here in Peru. We believe it will become a major catalyst for seeing our long-term vision fulfilled which is that we want to help local churches in South America take the next step in their spiritual and ministerial development. **Camps Abroad**, a missions arm of **The Wilds**, is willing to help us long-term in seeing our goals realized.



Lauren and Abby

Prayer

- Pray that God will give us wisdom in following his plan for this camp ministry. There are a lot of decisions to be made concerning people, program, our short-term and long-term plans, etc.
- Pray for upcoming preaching here in Lima that I have. I'll be preaching meetings for three churches and one Christian school in the next month and a half.
- Pray that God will continue to give Cheryl and I grace as we teach our children to love God with all their heart.



Lima Camp Campers



Spoke Tag