

# The Chapmans



**May 13, 2009**

After a needed break the first three weeks in March we got back to a busy schedule of preaching from the end of March until the third week of April. Thankfully, most of my preaching lately has been in **Lima**. I work hard to manage our schedule in such a way that gives priority to our family's needs, but you can never anticipate everything (which is exactly the way it has to be since God is sovereign in our lives). The one week I had off from preaching in April we were all so sick from a virus we picked up somewhere that it wasn't a very pleasant week. When I flew to Venezuela the next week we were still fighting the remnants of the virus that had been around our house for two weeks at that point.



## **Easter Campaign**

I preached for the **Musa Baptist Church** each night from the Wednesday before Easter until Easter Sunday. I preached the entire campaign from the book of **Colossians**. I took themes like "The Eternal vs. the Temporal" (Col. 3:1-4), "The Preeminence of Christ" (Col. 1:15-23), "Debt and Forgiveness" (Col. 2:13-14) and "Living the Resurrected Life" (Col. 3:5-14). I believe the Lord used His Word in some very specific ways in people's lives and I'm thankful for that. There were some folks who made salvation decisions as well.



## Venezuela Trip

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, I flew to **Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela** where I was invited by missionary **Tim Darling** to preach a missions conference. The conference was hosted by the Bible Institute in Puerto Ordaz and they invited folks from the churches in the city to come. There was great attendance with around 200 folks coming out each night. The theme was “The Message and the Messenger of Missions.” There were close to 10 folks that raised their hand the last night indicating that they believe God is leading them into some type of full-time ministry and they desired to make that public for the first time. It was neat to be with Tim and Pam Darling and to be able to have a small part in what God is doing there.



## MEBIP Conference

In June, I'll be preaching a conference for the missionaries that belong to **MEBIP**, a Peruvian mission board. The conference will be in Lima and is a required event for the 25 or so missionaries that belong to the mission board. Our theme is “Vision and Leadership” and my desire is to challenge the missionaries on the concepts of genuine leadership, a vision for ministry with clearly established goals, and personal spiritual-life issues.



## Prayer

- Pray for fruit that remains. We want the Word preached to affect lives for eternity.
- Pray for the MEBIP conference in June. Pray that God will allow me to communicate clearly, and that the missionaries will come with open hearts and minds.
- Please always pray for our family, that Cheryl and I will make wise decisions with the rearing of our children, and that God will draw them to Himself.
- Pray specifically for Cheryl. She has a medical issue that we are in the process of diagnosing. It's managed to cause her a good bit of discomfort lately and we are seeing some different doctors here trying to find out what the issue could be.

