

The Chapmans



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Many of you have communicated to us in the last few weeks that you have been praying for Cheryl. We really appreciate that. It means a lot to us, and we know that God responds to the prayer of his people.

Cheryl's Health

On August 31st, Cheryl flew to **Michigan** for two weeks. The purpose of her trip was to meet with her doctor there to see what could be done about the continuing pain and discomfort that Cheryl has been feeling. After a doctor's appointment and an ultrasound, the doctor decided to perform a laparoscopy and scheduled Cheryl for the following Tuesday. The doctor took care of a couple of things during this procedure, including draining a cyst. We truly hope that this is the answer for Cheryl's health problems. It was very reassuring to see God's hand so evident in orchestrating the logistics of Cheryl's two week stay in the States. Thank you for your prayers.

Cheryl was able to fly back here to **Lima** last Sunday. We are all very glad to have her here. She is taking it easy as she gets back to strength.

My mom came up from Chile to help me during most of the time that Cheryl was gone. It would have been quite a stretch to have to take care of our three young children all by myself, and for their sake it's a good thing Grandma was around. I'm thankful for the fact that the children did quite



Micah's 4th Birthday



Family Picnic

well despite being away from Mommy for two weeks.

Preaching

On Saturday, September 12th, I preached for a group of 180 young people gathered for a special youth meeting. The theme was Leadership: Do you have what it takes? I took the seven qualities/characteristics listed in II Peter 1:5-7 and challenged them on the discipline and development of these qualities.



Lauren has begun taking violin lessons

On Sunday night, September 13th, I preached a special service for the church in **San Juan de Lurigancho**. This is the church we worked with when the group came last month from **Calvary Baptist Church in Midland, Michigan**. The group from Michigan had given an offering to the church for the purpose of putting in a new floor. The floor was in pretty bad shape to say the least. The church folks worked very hard and were able to finish the installation of the new tile floor this past week. It was a lot of fun to be a part of that service.



We've begun looking for potential camp property. We'd like to find something in the nearby mountains as pictured here.

Preparation

I am working on developing several preaching series on spiritual growth, Christian maturity, and spiritual leadership. What we have noticed in the last three years is that many of the church folks and pastors lack a clear understanding of spiritual growth and maturity. For that reason, I believe God is directing me to prepare series from different texts (II Peter 1, Colossians 3, etc.) that I can preach in churches and at conferences and retreats that will focus on spiritual maturity in the lives of believers.

Prayer

1. Continue to pray for Cheryl's health. We should have a better idea in a few days of whether she is continuing to struggle with the pain and discomfort.
2. Pray for preaching opportunities coming up in the next two months.
3. Pray for wisdom as I begin working on preparation of these different preaching series I mentioned above.

In Christ,
Tim Chapman

