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Continuing the Work

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We are happy to be able to share with you all how the Lord is working through us in South Peru. We truly had been blessed by your kindness and support throughout the year of 2017 and we hope to be a blessing and an encouragement to you all as well.



Cusco, Peru

In the month of January we planned on holding a family camp in the city of Camaná. Unfortunately we had to cancel that camp due to a lack of interest. It was at first a little discouraging, but we know that the Lord allows things to happen for a reason.

In January, we continued to hold our in-home Bible studies in the area of Arequipa known as Sachaca. We praise the Lord for those that were able to attend as January some were out of town on summer vacation. A church here in Arequipa invited me to preach two different services on Evangelism with Passion. Evangelism is something that so many Christians ignore, yet it is one of the reasons that we have been saved.

In February, most of the people that attend our Bible study were going on summer vacation and therefore we postponed its continuation until March. As mentioned in our last update we are hoping to start a new Bible study near our home as there is no longer a Baptist church in the area. There seems to be several people interested and if the Lord allows we will begin our new Bible study on the 11th of this month. What we hope we can do is join the two studies together and begin meeting on Sundays together. We are praying for a place to meet. If everybody comes that is showing interest and that attends the other study, we could have between 20 and 30 in attendance. Please pray about this matter.

Prayer Requests, Thanks and Praises

1. **Pray** for a building to meet in. We have begun searching for a place where we can meet, but the only place we found that could house us is about \$900 per month. We are praying and searching for something more affordable. Will you help us pray about this?
2. **Thanks** to all those who gave us special offerings toward the end of the year. You were a blessing to us and we appreciate the fact that we were the targets of your love and generosity.
3. **Praise** the Lord that I was able to preach in the month of February at the Smyrna Baptist Church on the subject of marriage. The Lord has been using me more and more to teach on this matter and what a blessing to hear people realize that they have not been carrying out their marriage as God has planned and to have a desire for change.
4. We also want to **praise** the Lord for the opportunity that we had to travel to Cusco as a family and serve in the Vacation Bible School at the Faith Baptist Church. We were able to see 41 children attend the Bible school. I taught the 8-11 year olds and Bro. Jason Reinhardt taught the 5-7 year olds. The children learned about Jesus and how he finds us and calls us to salvation. (Our daughter, Amadea, won first place in her class... we were thrilled!) Then on Sunday some of the parents came and I preached on marriage and family. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless this children's ministry and that not only will the Lord save the children, but will save their parents.



These are just a couple of pictures of the Vacation Bible School we were privileged to be a part of this year in the city of Cusco at the Faith Baptist Church where the Reinhardt family is working.