

# The Tarma Times

News from the Crouse family in Tarma, Peru  
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## Juntos Podemos / Together We Can

This is the slogan the Free Methodist church in Peru has adopted for 2015. It is a call to everyone to work together in unity to reach their community for Christ. Here are some of the ways the Peruvian church and North American partners have been working together the past couple of months:

**Liverpool, NY Team:** A team of five people came in January to assist Pastor Oscar and wife, Karina, at the Centro Ruhamah children's ministry in Huaricolca. They taught English at the children's after-school program, did repairs and maintenance, and gave lessons on the use of some donated sewing machines. The center hopes to eventually sell school wear for area children to help finance their ministry. Pastor Ken Tesch



Oscar and Karina with Pastor Ken and his wife Michelle

spent evenings teaching basic doctrines of the Christian faith.



**AdorArte:** February 13-15 we took part in a training event in Lima organized by the Free Methodist ministry AdorArte. Using a context of discipleship, youth learn how to use the arts (like theater, dance, and clowning) to lead people to a relationship with God. The last days of AdorArte concluded with presentations in several

parts of the city. Several people indicated their desire to follow Christ, and we had opportunity to pray with them. A youthful team of 13 from Albion, NY also was a part of all this. They came a few days early to help spruce up the location of a new house church in northern Lima. You can see more photos from these events on Becky's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/rebecca.r.crouse>

**Latin America Leaders' Summit:** District leaders from nine Latin America countries gathered in Tampa, FL in January for strategic training with Area Director Dr. Delia Nüesch-Oliver. Pastor Miguel, wife Maria, and JR were among those who participated. God is moving the Latin American leaders to actively mobilize their networks to develop contextualized strategies to effectively share the Gospel and make disciples of Christ! Click on [The Active Great Commission](#) to read about what is happening!



**Annual Peru Meetings:** Twenty pastors and lay leaders recently met in Lima for the annual meeting of the Peru Free Methodist churches. Pastor Casto Rojas and his wife Marlene came from Venezuela to preside, share their experience, and encourage. A key part of the sessions was passing on the training in church planting that was shared at the Latin America leaders' summit in January. Please join us in prayer as participants begin to put this training into practice in their local churches.

Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful support that allow us to be here in Peru. ¡Juntos Podemos!

Your partners in Peru,

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**Crouse family blog**

<http://perucrouses.blogspot.com/>



We've created a Facebook page to showcase the ladies and products of Mujeres Jireh, the local livelihood group that Becky helps promote through SEED. Take a look [HERE](#)

**Praises**

- Good teams
- Excellent training at the Leaders' Summit and Annual Meeting
- New believers
- Safety in travel
  
- That commitment level to date entered for our 2015 support is at 81%

**Prayer Requests**

- Wisdom in ministry and parenting
- Preparations for an upcoming visit to the States (July-mid September)
- Wisdom and passion for implementing church planting strategies

**10 Reasons Why We Are Grateful For Our Partners in Ministry**

Reason #8 -- Educating their children has often been a challenge for missionary families. In the past, many children had to live away from their parents to receive an adequate education. We are so thankful that your support allows us to educate our children at home. We are able to purchase the necessary school materials and even access some on-line courses to meet our daughters' educational needs. Thank you!

Speaking of the girls, here is some...

*News about the Niñas*



Marissa is a high school freshman and is completing the majority of her classes on-line through North Star Academy. Algebra has been a challenge, but she continues to enjoy writing and music. She participated in the hip hop workshop at AdorArte and has helped teach choreographies to local youth for different events.

Alena is nine years old and in the fourth grade. In homeschool she is learning about American history with Sonlight curriculum and is learning to play the recorder. In her free time she loves reading, playing with friends, making crafts, and caring for her rabbit and guinea pigs. Both she and Marissa were called upon to help translate for the team at AdorArte.