The Tarma Times

News from the Crouse family in Tarma, Peru
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We Will Follow

Over the past twenty-some years our lives have resembled this song by Chris Tomlin, "Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay. When You move, I'll move. I will follow…"

Following God's leading, we've moved from the United States to Haiti, from Haiti to Peru, and now we'll be transitioning to Quito, Ecuador, beginning on June 25. For more details on what we'll be doing there, please consult our last newsletter (click here).

Here are a few highlights of where else God has led us over the past few months.

Peru Annual Meetings

Free Methodists from around Peru met in Lima on March 11-13 for training and organizational meetings. Pastor Casto Rojas from another South American country led the sessions where some important decisions were made that will help the Peru church grow and mature. After the meetings Pastor Casto, his wife, and another couple joined us in Tarma to visit area ministries. This young couple, who are fantastic leaders, feel a missionary call on their lives, and are considering service in Peru. Please join us in prayer for wisdom and financial provision for them to follow God where He is leading them.

Latin American Leaders' Summit

JR and Pastor Miguel Algorta joined 28 other leaders representing thirteen Latin American countries at a summit held in Medellin, Colombia on May 10-15. Community church planting and pastoral formation were the emphases of the training sessions. The leaders are now examining how they can put the teaching into practice so that they can invite many more people in their home countries to follow Jesus.

Thank you for your faithfulness to us over the years as we have followed God's leading from country to country. Your prayers and giving are indispensable to us during this time of transition as we wrap up ministry here in Peru, empty out our home of nine and a half years, and say good-bye to dear friends. Thank you so much!

Your partners in Latin America,

Becky J.R. Marissa alena

Contest for newsletter name: With our move from Tarma to Quito, we can't call our newsletter the "Tarma Times" anymore. We'd love to hear your ideas for a new, preferably not place-specific name. If we choose your suggestion, we'll send you an Ecuador t-shirt!

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Peru and Ecuador - Compare and Contrast

Tarma, Peru

Altitude – 10,006 feet above sea level
Population – 50,000
Language – Spanish
Currency – Nuevo sol
Nearest international airport – 8 hours
Name for an avocado – palta
About 1 hour from the highest paved road in the world at
15,807 ft.
Public transportation – motorcars and combis

Quito, Ecuador

Altitude – 9,350 feet above sea level
Population – 2,500,000
Language – Spanish
Currency – U.S. dollar
Nearest international airport – 40 minutes
Name for an avocado – aguacate
About 1 hour from Cotopaxi, the highest active volcano
in the world
Public transportation – taxis and electric trolleys