



The Tarma Times

News from the Crouse family in Tarma, Peru
December 2015

"Jesus at the Center of It All"

At this time of year we often hear the expression "Jesus is the reason for the season." We would like to expand that and say that Jesus is the reason for everything we do. As Israel Houghton's song says, Jesus (is) at the center of our Christmas and every day all year long. We hope you can say the same.



*Merry Christmas from the
Crouse family in Peru!*

Thank you so much for your
faithful prayers and support
this past year.

We wish you a wonderful,
Christ-centered Christmas!

Middle of the World: Ecuador was named for the equator line that runs through it. Our family was privileged to visit this neighboring Latin American country for a week in the month of October. In his role as mission teams coordinator for Latin America, JR intends to visit one country per year to better understand the potential needs and opportunities for North American groups looking to serve abroad. Last year he visited Colombia. This year the rest of us tagged along as we visited almost all the Free Methodist churches in Quito and on the coast near Esmeraldas. We were able to see children's programs funded by International Child Care Ministries and hear inspiring testimonies. We also visited some tourist sites including the "Middle of the World" where the equator line passes through the country. Becky has been invited to lead a workshop session at a conference for children's church workers that will take place in January, so she will be making another trip back to Ecuador soon.



You can find a video and more interesting information about the equator, prayer requests, and upcoming events on our family blog page <http://perucrouses.blogspot.com> You can find lots more photos of our Ecuador trip plus every day happenings and prayer requests on Becky's Facebook account which is under Becky Vinton Crouse.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We wish you a wonderful, Christ-centered Christmas.

Your partners in Peru,

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Crouse family blog

perucrouses.blogspot.com/

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Praises

- Good visit to Ecuador
- New training events for youth leaders, musicians, and new home groups in Tarma
- Safety in travel
- Support: 97 percent of goal for 2015.

Prayer Requests

- Wisdom for ministry, parenting, and future plans
- Provision of national leadership for the Mujeres Jireh handicrafts group
- Growth and revival in the Peruvian church
- Becky's trip to Ecuador January 14-18
- Visit from JR's parents Jan/Feb 2016

10 Reasons Why We Are Grateful For Our Partners in Ministry

Reason #5: Their faithfulness

JR first became a short-term missionary to Haiti in January 1989. Becky went to Haiti in August 1990 to teach at an English-speaking Christian school. We were married in 1992, and except for the three years when JR was getting his master's degree, we've been living the missionary life. After 13 and 12 years respectively in Haiti our family moved to Peru, where we've been for nine years. Through all the years and moves our main supporters have remained the same. *Some of you have been praying for us and supporting financially for over twenty years!* That is something for which to be extremely grateful!