

The Tarma Times

News from the Crouse family in Tarma, Peru

June 2015



Revival Our Southern Hemisphere mountain climate is heading into "winter" with colder nights and the end of the rainy season. But as we look around us it feels a lot like spring. Here are some signs of new life we have seen in the Peruvian Free Methodist Church the past few months:

Rebirth: Rolando wiped the sleep out of his eyes as someone called his name at 6 am. His brother-in-law Carlos was at the door and urgently wanted to talk to him. Carlos is an ex-soldier, and neither he nor Rolando's sister had been open to things of God. Carlos explained that he was terribly sick with a fever, and that neither doctors nor traditional healers had been able to help him. He wanted prayer for healing and, more than anything, wanted to ask Jesus to forgive him and come into his life. With assistance from Pastor Miguel via cell phone, Rolando led Carlos in a prayer of salvation.

Just as Carlos had been seriously ill, the congregation in Agua de Nieve where Rolando attended had been seriously ill. The pastor had resigned and no services were taking place in the church building. National director Miguel Algorta was having thoughts of closing the church. But he felt a nudge to ask Rolando if he would serve as the temporary local pastor. Rolando and his wife, Justina, accepted the invitation. Now, new signs of life in the church and community are appearing. In addition to Carlos, some other individuals who had been hostile to the church in the past have shown more openness and have even sought reconciliation. Carlos recovered quickly from his illness and was baptized recently in a cement tank used for processing coffee. You can see more photos from the baptism on Becky's Facebook page: Becky Vinton Crouse



Renewal: Pastors Vern Saile and Darlene Mieney came from their western New York churches to teach at a retreat for pastors and their spouses on April 16-18. Their sessions focused on soul care and gave the participants many opportunities to spend time alone with God. Rolando and Justina were among those who participated.



On May 23 a one-day retreat was organized for ladies in Tarma. Thirty-two ladies learned about being a woman that pleases God. We focused on Christian character traits including how to receive correction with grace.

Rejuvenation: On June 30 our family heads to the States for two and a half months. After attending Free Methodist General Conference in Orlando, we will have a couple weeks of vacation with family in Florida and North Carolina. Then we will be speaking at partner churches in western New York during August and part of September. Amidst all the busyness, we look forward to refreshment through walks in the woods, paddling on the lake, and time spent with fellow sojourners who walk the life of faith with us. You will find our speaking schedule on our blog page at www.perucrouses.blogspot.com

Thank you so much for your prayers and support that make this ministry possible. Please join us in prayer that true revival will burst into life here in Peru.

Your partners in Peru,

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<http://fmcusa.org/fmwm/missionaries/crouse/>

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

- Successful retreats
- Carlos' conversion and baptism
- Safety in travel
- That commitment level to date entered for our 2015 support is at 81%

Prayer Requests

- Marissa was recently diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. We thank God for the care she has received. Please pray that we would continue to have wisdom to properly manage her illness.
- Preparations for an upcoming visit to the States (July-mid September) and the provision of a car to use for August.
- Growth and revival in the Peruvian church

10 Reasons Why We Are Grateful For Our Partners in Ministry

Reason #7 - Prayer and health care coverage: Our lives were turned upside down when Marissa became seriously ill in April and was admitted to an ICU in a private hospital/clinic. As we sent word out via Facebook asking for prayer for Marissa and our family, countless people sent notes saying that they were praying. It was a huge comfort for us to know that our partners in ministry were interceding for us and lifting us up to God's throne of grace. Thank you so much for praying!

As the diagnosis came back that Marissa had developed type-1 diabetes and would need to stay several days in the hospital to recover from the imbalances in her system caused by ketoacidosis (a dangerous build-up of ketones in the blood), one of the things we did not have to worry about was how to cover the cost of all the expenses. Because of our generous ministry partners like yourself, we are able to afford a health care plan that covers huge emergency needs like the one we experienced. Thank you for making that possible!

News from the Niñas

Today in our devotional time, Marissa was remembering back to her time in ICU and how, even though she was sick, God's compassion for others came over her. Here is her story . . .

"In ICU, where I was in the hospital, there was a little 2-year old girl who had been in a bad vehicle accident where her father and uncle died and her mom had broken her pelvis. Very early one morning, the oxygen tank that was connected to the girl, without the only nurse on duty noticing, started running low. Fortunately, a cleaning lady came in right then and the nurse told her urgently to seek others to help and get another oxygen tank. I was just lying in my bed watching the whole thing. Once the oxygen arrived, all the doctors and nurses were all busy, rushing around. I suddenly started welling up inside. Tears were streaming down my face and I kept repeating, "God, please heal her, God please make her well." Then, after that, I don't exactly remember all that happened. All I know is that the next day, when I was in another hospital room, I got the news that the little girl was stable and already on her way to Lima to get better treatment. Even though you are suffering and can't talk to another who is suffering as well or help him/her physically, you can always help by praying for that person."