

The Tarma Times

News from the Crouse family in Tarma, Peru
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There and Back Again

The missionary life is a mobile one. Over the past few months we've traveled from Peru to the United States, from the northern part of the States to the south and back north, and then back to Peru. We are so thankful for safety in travel and for memories made. Here are some highlights.

General Conference: Our main purpose for going to the States was to attend the big gathering of the Free Methodist Church that takes place every four years. This year it was held in Orlando, Florida. Before the conference began, many of our missionaries gathered for a one day summit to focus on soul care. The conference worship services and messages were inspiring, as were many of the break-out sessions that focused on nine strategic priorities (qualities) of the church. We especially loved seeing friends we hadn't seen in years, including pastors and missionaries from our Haiti days.



With former Haiti missionary colleague Della Land Rockhill. We also got to see her son Darin and meet his wife Jill.

Family Time: After the conference we enjoyed some vacation



days in Florida with JR's family and in North Carolina with my (Becky's) family. We visited an amusement park, a fair, the beach, a campground, a few lakes, as well as some beautiful waterfalls. Time with family is all the more precious since it happens so infrequently.

Time with Ministry Partners: Back in New York State we visited several of our supporting churches to share how God has been working in Peru. We were pleased to connect with the Free Methodist churches in

South Dayton, Cortland, Liverpool, Niagara Falls, and Batavia. Our speaking schedule ended with a three-day missions' fair at JR's home church in Gowanda which included country displays, international foods, a Peruvian folk dance, and a challenge for people to continue to reach out locally and internationally in Jesus' name.

Back to Peru: We arrived back in Peru on September 16. Since then we've been getting settled back in (which has included lots of unpacking and cleaning, repairs, and dealing with pesky rodents!), continuing with the girls' home schooling, and meeting with church leaders to discuss our ministry priorities for the coming months. We anticipate working heavily in the areas of leadership development, promoting church health, coordinating missions teams to Latin America, and transitioning to more local leadership for livelihood initiatives.



You can find more photos of our summer, current prayer requests, and upcoming events on our family blog page perucrouses.blogspot.pe. You can also follow our daily happenings through Becky's Facebook account which is under Becky Vinton Crouse.

No matter where we are, we are always thankful for our partners who faithfully pray and support us financially. Thank You! Your partners in Peru,

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Praises

- The opportunity to attend General Conference and the Free Methodist missionary summit
- Good visits to supporting churches
- Precious times with family and friends
- Safety in travel
- Good report for Marissa from an endocrinologist in the States
- Provision of a vehicle to use during our time in the States
- Support: 92% of goal for the year.

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
- Trip to Ecuador (Oct 22-29) to explore how missions teams from North America can best serve the people there.

10 Reasons Why We Are Grateful For Our Partners in Ministry

Reason #6: Their friendship



Pastor Darlene Mieney came over to Batavia to join us and our friend Rosalina Vargas for lunch after a Sunday service.

After spending time on the mission field, it is always encouraging to return back to our home country to spend time with partners in ministry. In addition to updating people on the work in Peru and asking for their continued support, we also get to catch up personally with many of them who have been praying for us from afar. At three churches, friends who don't attend there made special trips to come connect with us. How humbling and encouraging! Even though we don't get to see them very often, we are so thankful for friendships with people who understand why we do what we do.