

Dear Family and Friends,

I wanted to say that January is passing quickly, but it's already February. We were unable to make a trip into Colca in January and our schedules look pretty packed at the moment in February and so it might be March before I can get back. The good news is that the church in Pinchollo has resumed Sunday meetings and midweek meetings. Praise the Lord!

Three of the brothers here in Arequipa were recently hospitalized. David Molina had gall bladder surgery and will be going home today. However, Vicente and Hugo remain, waiting treatment. Hugo is handicapped due to a stroke several years ago. He went to the hospital with some severe cold symptoms and it appears that he may have suffered another stroke there in the hospital, although information about his case is quite scarce. Visiting can be difficult due to policies of the hospital and very limited hours approved for visiting. In an attempt to visit him on Monday, I only found an empty bed and his roommate said he had been moved to a lower floor. Later another brother that has had some phone contact with him told me that he was back in the original room. Vicente has a generalized infection, hernia, and prostate cancer. They are waiting for the infection to clear up before giving him the surgeries necessary.

A friend, Lelan, from the US was here for a couple of weeks in Peru. He came through Arequipa to visit us and later we met up with him in Cusco to do a little sightseeing. It was a good time and we even saw Machu Picchu. It was a first for my wife and I. So, not only am I now an "expert" guide, but I speak pretty good English also. And so we await your visit.

I am also putting together a study for the believers here about how the Bible came to us in Spanish. It's really more of a history lesson, but I think understanding how God's Word came to be in our language also helps us treasure it more. If you don't already know the story in English, I would recommend you do a little research on Wycliffe, Coverdale, and Tyndale for starters. I heard it said before that only two things from this world will last for eternity: the souls of men, and the Word of God. Let's invest all we have in these areas and the results will be eternal.

1 Peter 1:23-25 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers.

Finish Strong,
Jeff and Angela Anderson

