

16 AUG 2023

Dear Family and Friends,

The busyness continues. Even though we haven't had as many trips taking family members to the doctor, we've had a few visits ourselves; mostly routine checkups. That

being said, Angela's sinusitis isn't clearing up and two separate doctors have recommended surgery. Please pray for us as we decide what to do and when.

Angela continues studying English and is in classes 3 hours every morning 5 days a week. It's frustrating for her at times as she would like to learn faster. Please continue praying for her in that.

July 30th and 31st, Floro and I went to Huarina. It was a very sad trip as we discovered that the small church in this tiny village had split. It seems as though the root is a clash of personalities between the two leaders. We were unable to really get to the real cause as the trip was very short but we encouraged them to do everything possible to humble themselves, submit to one another, and be reconciled. Ironically, the two other times that I've been there for conferences, November of 2021 and 2022, they asked me to preach about reconciliation. Both times there seemed to be changed hearts, however, time has shown that to not be the case. Please pray for this small group of believers and especially for David and Fermín.

August 6th, the church in Ciudad Blanca had "Culto en el Campo" (Service in the Countryside). Floro has a small house in the country and so we had services there and then played volleyball, ate a huge lunch, and did a lot of visiting. All-in-all it was a great day.

*Angela and Jasmine
cleaning up after the
Saturday Bible study
in Rosario*



Today, August 16th, we finished the 2nd stage in the small room we built last November in Rosario. Now we need to have the doors made and installed, a window installed, and then we can use it as both a storage room and a bedroom/kitchen when we need or want to spend the night there.



I really wanted to do a video update this time but just haven't had the time necessary. Perhaps I will put some clips together along with some photos of these things and send that out as a "supplemental update" in the next week or so. If you want to see that, pray that God will help me organize my time better.

One more thing that I would like to mention is the big part that death plays in our lives. No, a loved one did not die. However, this week we spent two days with some of my in-laws being tourists in Colca. My sister-in-law used to be a tour guide and took us up to see some old tombs from the time of the Incas. We saw a lot of bones. One thing we didn't see was hope. The other thing we didn't see were all the items they were buried with them, as the Spaniards robbed the graves looking for gold to make the church bells for the village of Corporaque. Of course the bell was used for announcing the catholic mass, which is a continual sacrificing of Christ again and again. What a sad legacy. I can't say how many verses and texts came to mind but it was a lot.

*A catholic
priest
sacrificing
Christ*



Here are a few (shortened to fit in this letter but look them up and read them):

...naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither... Job 1:21

...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment... Heb. 9:27

Knowing that Christ... dieth no more... he died unto sin once... Rom. 6:9, 10

Nor yet that he should offer himself often... [but rather] Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many... Heb. 9:25, 28

May God help all of us to keep spreading the good news of the gospel of Christ, for therein lies true hope and salvation.

Finish Strong,
Jeff and Angela

