# "Spring" in Wyoming

According to the groundhogs, the warm weather we have been experiencing really is spring, although I will be surprised if we don't get some late snow. We rarely actually have spring here in the great plains. We have gotten very little moisture this winter, so we would appreciate prayer for more rain so that the crops can grow.

# **Church in Wyoming**

We continue to be involved in church ministries, including such riveting jobs as reorganizing the file cabinet full of Sunday school materials. The details may be boring, but we are wired to enjoy that kind of thing. We are continually growing in our appreciation for our church family. We love serving with them, and they are so supportive and encouraging.

### **Travel to Peru**

The trip to Peru was exciting. We were able to experience a wedding, many church services, and local foods like cuy (guinea pig) and juane, which is like a tamale, but made with rice, and includes a chunk of chicken, a hard-boiled egg, and an olive. We also took a trip to see some waterfalls in the jungle, which was beautiful.





Although most of the animal life in the city was birds or pet dogs, the ants were especially active at night. On the walk home each night, I enjoyed watching them scurry along the sidewalk, carrying leaves and sticks far bigger than themselves.

### The Church in Tarapoto

Besides getting to see some pretty places in Peru's jungles, the team was able to be quite involved in the church while we were there, and got to know several of the people. One of the highlights of the trip for me was to sit and talk with the missionaries, sometimes for hours at a time, and see their dedication to the task God has for them in Peru. We shared many stories, laughter, and ice cream. Each of our couples in Peru has a unique calling, yet they work in tandem with each other. They have a vision to reach the city, surrounding villages, and beyond. It was great to see the teamwork happening, even as they each pursue their area of passion.

We were able to bring a rudimentary version of the computer program we have been developing for our training materials, and show it to the church planters there. Some of our missionaries in Peru saw potential for using it in their ministries, so we are making an extra effort to finish some of the initial courses and get them translated into Spanish. Much of the time since returning from Peru has been spent working on the training materials. It is important to get this project to the point that it can finally be used by our church planters on the field!



### The Rerouted Return

Although the trip went relatively smoothly, and we accomplished many of our objectives, it ended with a bit of a predicament. Missing our flight from Lima to Atlanta left us with some extra time in the Lima airport. Thankfully, God provided tickets that only resulted in a six or seven hour delay for our arrival back home. Plus, we got to layover in Panama City and fly over the canal, which was an interesting sight. I am very glad to be back with my family, and we have stayed a little closer to home in the weeks since the trip.

# **Family News**

The children enjoyed having a cousin with them over "spring break," and are back to their studies as usual. We have been studying Daniel as a family, and our study of the details in Daniel chapter 11 has coincided with Sunday School lessons on the intertestamental period. It's fun to see God orchestrate little things like that. He is so good to use everything in our lives for our good and His glory. Thank you so much for all of your prayers as we continue our work here!

Serving with you,

Nathaniel, Kara, Juliana, Ariana, Cassandra, and Grant M<sup>e</sup>Rae



### Please Pray with Us!

- Praise God for a safe and healthy trip to Peru, and for a using the trip to Peru as He sees fit!
- Praise God for His amazing design for the body of Christ!
- Pray for our missionaries in Peru, that they will each be effective in their particular fields of ministry, and that national leaders will continue to be raised and equipped.
- Pray with us for our trust in God regarding housing.
- Pray for our family, that we would grow in the areas God has for us.
- Pray for the current conflict in Israel, that God's will would be done, and for peace in Jerusalem.

#### **Contact Info**

We would love to hear how you are doing and what the Lord has been doing in your lives.

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