

# Hola From Peru!



## Our Arrival

Dear Praying Friends,

First of all, I would like to say thank you for all your prayers for me as I prepared to venture to Peru. The Lord has been so good in His provision for me! As many of you may know, a huge answer to prayer was the provision of a traveling companion for me. Leanna Ueland, from Fargo, ND decided to join me in traveling down to Peru and to spend two months down here with me. Thank you Lord for answering prayers!

It's hard for me to believe that we have already been in Peru for a week! We left the States on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and arrived at Morning Star children's home the next day. We had a small issue with our luggage when we switched flights from Delta to LAN in Lima on Tuesday night, but we, and our over-300-pounds of luggage all arrived safe and sound!

## What's Going On Now?

Right now, it is summer vacation in Peru. This means that we get LOTS of time to spend with the children at Morning Star. There are currently 9 children here. From oldest to youngest we have

- ✓ Maria-13
- ✓ Perla-9
- ✓ David-9
- ✓ Nain-6

- ✓ Jorge-5
- ✓ Edwin-3
- ✓ Daniel-3
- ✓ Andrew-2
- ✓ Solomon-15 months

We have spent a lot of time playing with these kiddos outside and trying to give Rosa (the Peruvian house-mother) a break from them. She says she is counting down the days 'til school starts again on March 4<sup>th</sup> ☺

Along with spending time with the kids, Leanna and I are hoping to start taking some Spanish classes for about 2 hours each day. Mark DeJager, who is the school administrator from Canada talked to an elementary teacher about starting classes with us on Monday. She has never tutored anyone in Spanish before and doesn't know any English, so she has committed to teaching us for a week. We will see how that goes for both of us, and if we think it is beneficial, we will continue classes with her. You can pray that we will learn the language quickly so we are better able to communicate with the people here.

## Prayer Requests

- Language learning
- Provision of English teachers for this coming school year
- Health
- New house parents for Morning Star
- Financial provision for Strong Tower and Morning Star

## Galations 6:9

**Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up.**



Leanna and me having a nice, candle-lit supper after the electricity went out one night.

The cement slab



Our current residence



## Construction

Soon after our arrival, we found out that there was a change in the construction plans. The original plan was to have volunteers come down and work on adding a floor to one of the existing classrooms. However, due to a lack of finances, that plan was put on hold and the volunteers instead began to lay cement to create a court for the children to play on. The court will be a place where both the children from Morning Star, as well

as the children from Strong Tower, will be able to play basketball, soccer, and volleyball.

At the beginning of our time here, Leanna and I were recruited to help with this cement work because some of the workers from the team were sick. We didn't really know what we were doing, but we were put to work quite rapidly and soon found ourselves screening like professionals ;)

## Strong Tower Christian School

School begins, Lord willing, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Mark and I have talked a bit about what I will be doing once school starts, but we do not have a definite plan yet. Mark has talked about having me teach the 3-year olds from 8-11:30 each day so that I can continue to focus on learning Spanish. However, currently there are no other volunteers here who could help teach English to the primary grades. Teaching English to the older students is a priority here, so if there is no one to teach them, that is probably what I will end up doing. Our prayers are that the Lord will send someone to help teach the primary grades so that I can continue to learn Spanish. We trust Him for His provision. Another prayer request is that the Lord will send someone to take over the administration work here for a few months. Mark and his family are going back to Canada for about 4 months and it would be nice to have someone to take over his job while he is gone.

Thank you again for your prayers!

In Him,  
~Tina



"Swimming" in the 3' of water with Perla and Dafna (Dafna's parents