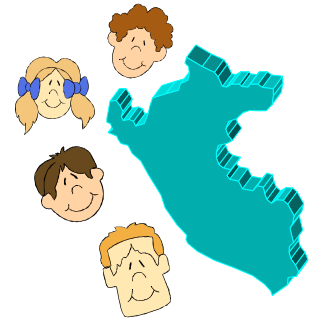


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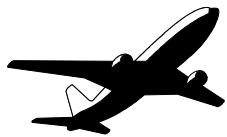


April '96

Dear ,

*There is nothing quite like a date to focus the mind; especially when this is the day you leave for a foreign country with a young child, knowing you won't be back for four years! It is against this background that we share with you some of where we are at now and where we hope to be in the weeks and months to come. Join with us in praying that all we do will be with our eyes "fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2); whose triumph over death we remember in a special way at this time of year.*

## Countdown



We have now taken out reservations for seats on a flight to Lima via Caracas in Venezuela on Tuesday July 23rd. We hope to travel with Alan and Eva Turner, a missionary couple whom Steve knew as a child in Peru. This will be a great help with such things as customs as well as good for fellowship. As you can imagine, while we are very excited that at last we have a date, we are also conscious of all that remains to be done. Sorting, packing, arranging transportation of our things as cheaply as possible, deputation, arranging our valedictories, the dreaded jabs... The list goes on. We are amazed how long things take. At least we now have our passports!



## Family Matters

It was really great to see Steve's sister, Elizabeth, visiting from Japan at Christmas. This was the last opportunity to see her before we leave for Peru. Amy delighted us by taking her first steps at the end of March and we are looking forward to her first birthday on May 2nd. On a sad note, Rachel's granddad died back in January, so please remember Rachel's grandma as she adjusts to life alone. Among the things we are least looking forward to



are the good-byes. These will be hardest for Amy's grandparents, uncles and aunts.

**Morley  
Christian  
Fellowship**

Please pray for Morley Christian Fellowship as we leave. It is easy for us to go on to new and exciting things, but hard for those left behind in the same situation without us. While no-one is indispensable, we have been very involved, particularly with the children's work, and our going will leave jobs to be done by people already under pressure. Pray especially for those who take over the running of "Explorers" and "Explorers Plus".

## Feed-back



The children's mission at Richmond Wesleyan Reform Church, Sheffield in February was very encouraging with four girls showing interest in trusting the Lord. Do please pray for them. We moved back into our own house at the end of February and are in the process of sorting out its long-term future. We are hoping to let it out through an agent. As we write a Chinese Christian couple have shown definite interest in renting it long term. Please pray that this will work out. This is just another of the

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many time-consuming things to be done before we go.



Many new visual aids have now been produced. Our real desire is for them to become more widely known. Feedback from those using them has been encouraging, for which we praise the Lord. We have also translated 16 of the memory verses, the ten commandments and two quizzes into French. If you, or anyone you know, would like a copy of our latest catalogue, please send us two first class stamps and your address. Steve's brother and father will be taking over the distribution once we leave. Please pray for them as they get to grips with the computer technology involved!

## Coming up soon

We are visiting Northern Ireland between April 16th and May 2nd for a holiday as well as to take part in two SIM day conferences and four SIM prayer groups. We are really looking forward to meeting up with friends made during our time at Belfast Bible College.

## Support Team

God has greatly encouraged us through individuals and churches coming forward to support us in prayer and financially over the last few weeks. We will not be able to leave for Peru until our full support is promised. The step of booking our flights has been taken in the firm belief that God will meet our outstanding need of around £600 per month before then. This could be fully met by 30 pledges of £20 a month or the equivalent. We would like to reiterate our thanks to you if you are already supporting us and also recognise that many of you are already fully committed in other works. If you would like to join with us in this practical way, please contact us as soon as possible. Our present telephone number is: 0113 277 0855. We enclose a response slip which you may find helpful.



## Coming up soon

We are producing a pack containing an A5 colour Peruvian flag and national shield, family photo, maps of Peru and countries where SIM work as well as some details about us and our work. We hope these will be useful for making up displays

for mission and Sunday School notice boards etc... If you would like one, please let us know.

## In closing...

The afternoon of Saturday 6th of July and the evening of Saturday 13th of July are the dates set for our Sheffield and Leeds valedictory services respectively. If you can make it to either, we would be delighted to see you. It will not be possible for us to visit all our friends and supporters before we go, so this might be an opportunity to see you. Please 'phone us to confirm dates and venues etc..., nearer the time.



The mission motto is "By Prayer." What we covet most is a dedicated group of people committed to praying for us regularly. It has been a thrill to hear from those who pray for us daily. This means more to us than we can express. We hope to send out one more prayer letter before we leave, along with our photo prayer card. If you could use more than one, please let us know.

Yours in Christ,

*Steve & Rachel*

## Praise!

*A departure date, Tuesday July 23rd.*

*Encouraging Children's Mission.*

*The Lord's provision so far.*

*Likely tenants for our house.*

*The car running well so far!*

## Requests

*A close walk with the Lord and his peace amidst all the pressure.*

*Full support so we can leave on July 23rd.*

*"Explorers" and "Explorers Plus".*

*Those at M.C.F. who take on our jobs.*

*Steve's father and brother taking on the distribution of "Tell the Children" resources.*

*Good health for us as a family.*

*Deputation opportunities.*

*Arrangements for our house.*

If you do not already receive our prayer letter regularly and would like to, please send us your name and address which we will add to our mailing list, stored on a computer database for use in sending out this letter.