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Hi Folks!

We have been encouraged recently by a number of contacts, some through Amy's school and others through the Friday children's club. Please pray that we may be able to build on these relationships with meaningful opportunities to share the Gospel. The work alongside our partners from TEAM has been very encouraging lately and we are looking forward to the time, hopefully in the near future, when a church will be established among these middle class, but still needy people.

Our Wider SIM Team

Our wider SIM Arequipa team has seen many blessings recently, especially through those working in Children's and Youth Ministry. We praise the Lord for a number of children and young people who have trusted Christ, many of these through the wider work of the camp based at the site an hour outside the city. These are exciting times!

New Year

It was nice to spend twelve relaxing days from Boxing Day and over the new year in the mission house Steve used to go to thirty years ago! We all enjoyed the sea and sun as well as some time with friends in Mejía.



Holiday Bible Clubs

We are thankful that yet another Holiday Bible Club pack of materials was completed in time for the summer season. At least twenty three churches used this and packs from previous years during January to March. We ran a week with our partners from TEAM using the material in February and were encouraged by an average

of thirty children each day. Of special blessing were the good number of parents who attended the closing session after the club on the Friday.

Camps

Steve went on one of the two children's camps and took four of our co-worker's children as well as several other children; one from our club and the rest from our previous one. We praise God that one girl from that club made a decision to follow Christ. Please pray for her discipleship and growth. Amy then joined Steve for four days at a family camp. She had a great time in spite of the mosquitoes!



Children's Club

Our own club re-started after the summer break on Friday March 16th. The rain kept some regulars away, but in spite of this seventeen children gathered in the garage of the house where it is held. The following week twenty-six came in bright sunshine! A tremendous encouragement came recently when the parents of two girls, who have regularly come to the

club and have been witnessed to by our co-workers, trusted Christ. It is a thrill to see their excitement. Pray for Jane and Vicente as they grow and especially that Jane who attends the club each week with her daughters might want to become more involved.

While we are no longer able to attend the club we began last term, Steve has been asked to act as advisor to the leaders during the absence of the missionary who took it over from us while on her home assignment year. It is good to see a capable team running this club in her absence.

Peru Bookkeeping

Rachel has settled well into her role as bookkeeper for a growing Peru team! It can often be time consuming, but it is a privilege to serve the wider SIM team in this way.

Children's Ministry Group

Steve has now handed over the job of field prayer co-ordinator but has been asked to co-ordinate the Children's Ministry e-mail discussion group for SIM. This is a relatively new venture and will take some time to establish. Please pray that those involved in this work will participate and thus be of wider blessing and usefulness.

Night Class

Nine out of eleven ladies graduated in December from the six month Children's Ministry class Steve taught. Another course is planned to run weekly from May.

Support/Ministry

We continue to praise God for meeting all our personal support needs so far. We have recently purchased a heavy duty colour printer to produce visual aids in large quantities. You can see the results in this prayer letter! Due to some recent large ministry expenses our ministry funds are now running low.

Project Funding Needs

We are planning to print the first two books by Sam Doherty in the next few months. These are entirely funded by his foundation, "Assisting Children's Evangelists Worldwide." Please continue to pray for the provision of funds to print the remaining six books. If you know of any trusts or foundations with an interest in

Christian Literature, please let us know the details.

Amy and Gareth's News!

Amy is enjoying her new school and doing very well. She started at "Max Uhle," the German Peruvian School and so is studying German in place of English. She has just requested her own Bible and is avidly reading the one we brought



secretly back with us from home!

Gareth is now walking, and can go up and down stairs by himself. There is never a dull moment! His happy smile brings joy to many around.



In Closing...

We trust you are encouraged to see how God is answering your prayers. Thank you again for your faithfulness and interest in our work. We would like to hear how we can pray for you too!

Yours in Christ,

Steve & Rachel

Praise!

Amy settling well into her new school.

Jane & Vicente's salvation.

New believers through the witness of the wider mission team.

A good start to the weekly children's club.

Full personal support.

Requests

Daily strength and stamina in our daily walk with the Lord.

Focused and wise follow-up of contacts.

Much needed funding for our projects.

Ongoing good physical health.

If you do not already receive our prayer letter regularly and would like to, please send your name, address and e-mail address if possible to Dr. & Mrs. C Peat. Our mailing list is stored on a computer database for sending out this prayer letter.