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We have been reflecting recently on what we have been doing over the last two years or so. This is because we are planning to return to the UK for a six month furlough from late July 1999, a year earlier than originally planned. There are a number of reasons for this, but the main one is that we would prefer to return only for six months. Fitting all our deputation in with Amy in school would be difficult. We feel we have accomplished a fair amount in our first term, and more importantly have a much clearer picture of our future ministry. This would be a good time to return and share with you in far more detail than we can by letter.

Children's Club Curriculum

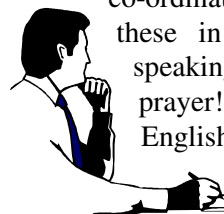
We are continuing to develop a curriculum for weekly children's clubs. Rachel is writing the stories while Steve works on the visual aids. Having our own weekly club has been a great incentive to produce a new programme each week. Pray that we might produce enough to allow the club to continue while we are home on furlough. One other club has begun to use the material and a Lutheran Church with nine congregations may use it in their Sunday School starting in January. This is a long term project which will keep us busy at least during our next term. The material is still only in pilot form.

Training Manuals

A vision we have had from the start has been to produce a series of manuals covering all major aspects of children's work, but with relatively little experience and copyright restrictions on adapting existing materials, it looked like a long and difficult project.

Sam Doherty (who was European Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship for 29 years until 1993) has been writing exactly the series of manuals we hoped to write but from a vast experience. He has asked us to

co-ordinate the translation and production of these in Spanish for the whole Spanish speaking world! This was a real answer to prayer!! He has published five so far in English and has seven more nearly ready out of a proposed number of about 40 covering all aspects



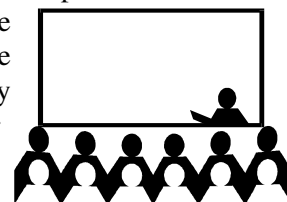
of children's ministry! Most of the 40 are in draught form. His books are excellent and a valuable contribution to those working with children. Two have been translated in Spain and a man in Cuba will do a third. We have begun a fourth. We praise God that Sam's foundation will be funding the production of the first two books. The potential impact of this project is huge. All the details have not been finalised, but it is likely we will produce the books to be printed in each country to avoid it taking up too much time.

Bible Flannelgraph Sets

So far we have received a total of 24 flannelgraph sets from the USA. 21 have been brought by two teams from Global Missions Fellowship. We hope more will be brought by different teams over the next few months. Every set brought saves us \$95 in customs and shipping costs! Pray for those using them, that they might have a real impact on the standard of Bible teaching to children.

Children's Ministry Night Class

October 28th saw the start of a weekly Children's Ministry Night class due to last six months. Over 90 registered and attendance has averaged 65 over the first six weeks. Pray for a real impact from this and that everyone will complete the course and put into practice what they are learning week by week. We take a break over the summer and start back on March 3rd, 1999.



Children's Song Sheets



Our Children's Song Sheet project is written up and only needs final revision and approval. We also have contact with a lady who has run children's choirs in the past and studied music at university. We should be able to produce the first set of song sheets and cassette some time early in the next millennium on our return from furlough!!

Holiday Bible Club Pack

We are in the throes of preparing a second pack in time for the January Summer holidays. This year it is based on five stories in Daniel. Pray that it might be well used by a good number of churches.



Children's Club

20 or so children have been coming regularly to the local club we started in August after a Holiday Bible Club. Pray for them over the summer break and for committed people from the church who we can train up to take this over by the time we leave in July.

Arequipa Bible Institute



Steve will again be teaching a weeks Children's Ministry course at the Institute in Chiguata (pronounced Chiwata). Pray for this year's programme. Theological education is vital to the growth of what is a needy church here in Arequipa.

Spiritual Life Conference

Our annual Spiritual Life Conference is again to be held in Arequipa, February 22nd to 26th. Once again we have been asked to arrange the practical side of this. Having done it last year, it should be easier this time round! Pray for the speaker, Robin Wells, Communications Director for SIM-UK/Northern Europe and that the whole mission family might be blessed and refreshed during this time.

Bolivia

We are planning to visit Bolivia in January. Steve has been invited to do some teaching at a Children's Workers' Conference and also at a Christian Educators' Congress in Santa Cruz, 11th-16th. We also hope to visit a few places on our way back. Pray for a useful time and safety as we travel.



Amy's News!



If I could ask you any question I wanted, I would ask you why! I'm still enjoying nursery and am going to be Melchior in the Christmas play. Pray for my mummy while I'm on holiday for three months. I hope she finds plenty to keep me occupied!

Hospitality

One of the privileges of missionary life is the many visitors who pass through our home. Some stay a few minutes, others a week or more. This takes up a considerable amount of our time, especially for Rachel, but we have been richly blessed. We also give thanks for Antonia (Nana to Amy!) who is the most reliable and dependable helper you could ask for. Pray for her and her family in less than easy circumstances.



In closing...

Please note the new SIM-UK address. Thank you again for your prayerful and practical support. May God bless you richly over Christmas and New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Steve & Rachel

Praise!

For the good number of flannelgraph sets brought into the country.

For a very encouraging start to the Children's Ministry night class.

For an encouraging level of financial support.

The nearby weekly children's club.

For blessings received from visitors.

Requests

A useful time in Bolivia in January.

A good Spiritual Life Conference.

Production of the Holiday Bible Club Packs in time for January.

For preparations for furlough next July.

For an increase in financial support as we begin to promote the different projects.

Continuing improvement in Spanish.

Safety in travelling.

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