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Have you ever had the feeling that you are beginning to slide down a hill with nothing to stop your headlong progress? We feel rather like that with less than five weeks to go before we are due to leave for Peru! Things which seemed very important to get done a few weeks ago are fading into insignificance as time here runs out for us. If it were not for God's very real presence, we would be inclined to panic! Please pray that we will know his peace in a very real way in these last few weeks of hectic activity as things finally fall into place.

The last...

"That's the last time we will see them... go there... etc..." Nearly everything we do is now for the last time. Final good-byes are becoming more frequent. Each day brings an increasing urgency. Only four more Sundays in the UK. You get the feeling!?



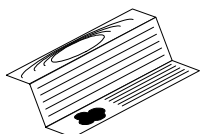
Family Matters



Amy has not crawled since she began to walk just before her first birthday. She brings us and others so much joy. We praise the Lord for her each day. She has been very good with her many jabs. Only yellow fever is left to have before we go.

Red tape and all that

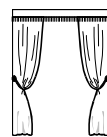
The unexpected discovery that a recent change in Peruvian law will now allow Steve to have dual nationality caused a flurry of activity. We visited the Peruvian Consulate in London to register our marriage and Amy's birth. When we arrive in Peru on foreign visas, Steve and Amy may be able to get Peruvian passports making visas unnecessary for them and saving £60 each per year in residency permit renewals. However, we need wisdom as to the best course of



action in the future. There could be hitches!

Feed-back

Our car is old and on its last legs, but has served us well. It recently went round the clock. Pray we would know what to do with it. We hope to travel to London in it on Saturday 20th and use it to get to the airport, but what then? Good question. We can't just leave it in the airport car park!



We now have an agent we are happy with to let our house. The Chinese family mentioned in our last letter will be renting it for at least a year and possibly more long term.

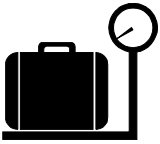
Our trip to Belfast was a real blessing. Meeting the SIM family there, sharing at two day conferences and four prayer meetings proved a real encouragement to us. It was good to meet new friends as well as renew old friendships with folk from Finaghy Baptist Church and Belfast Bible College.



Tell The Children.

More visual aids have recently been produced. 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 recently installed new computer !

Coming up soon



Several outstanding deputation meetings and loads of sorting, chucking out, packing and repacking. What will not go into our allowance of four large suitcases has to go as unaccompanied baggage at £5 per kg. This is to be left at Heathrow at least the day before we fly. We are also painting the outside of our house and the inside window frames.



Support Team

We praise God for his practical provision in the area of financial support and thank all who are supporting us at present. It is a humbling, yet tremendously exciting experience to see where such a large amount has come from; sometimes from the most unexpected places. 91% of our total requirement has been promised so far. However, there is no place for complacency as we really need 100% by the time we leave. In real terms, this is a need of around £135.00 per month. If you are able to join with us in this practical way, please contact us or SIM as soon as possible. Any regular donation, however small, is welcome and makes a real difference. Our present telephone number is: 0113 277 0855. Also October sees a rise of 6% in mission support requirement. That is only three months after we arrive! It has also been encouraging to meet many new friends through our deputation programme and we are aware of much prayer support on our behalf. However, all is not rosy. It is tragic to see so few young people interested in world mission. Please pray that the Church will succeed in its responsibility to motivate young folk.



When we arrive

The Venezuelan airline, Viassa will take us via Caracas to Lima where we will spend a week sorting out paperwork and our air cargo etc. It will be late on Tuesday night when we arrive, so jet lag might be a problem. Peru is five hours behind us! July 30th is the day we should get to our final destination, Arequipa. A house which Steve has previously stayed in has already been made available to us by Latin Link. It is close to the SIM office and the language school Rachel hopes to attend. Our priorities will be to settle in and find a church to join. We will need the grace to say "No"

to a lot of initial demands until we establish just what God wants us to be involved in.

In closing...

It would be a great encouragement to us and our home churches if some of you could make it to either of our valedictory services. The afternoon of Saturday 6th of July in Sheffield or the evening of Saturday 13th of July in Leeds. Please 'phone us to get directions to Leeds and Clive Peat on 0114 266 3459 for directions to Sheffield.

The house in Arequipa has a 'phone and the office a fax. The complete numbers are on our enclosed prayer card. We hope to have our own e-mail number soon. We will let you know that once we have it. If you would like further copies of either our prayer letter or of the cards, just let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you again for standing with us as we head off in obedience to the Lord's command. Please keep us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Steve & Rachel

Praise!

The Lord's provision of support so far.

Tenants and an agent for our house.

Completion of our immunisations.

The car running well to date!

A home in Peru.

Requests

A close walk with the Lord and his peace amidst all the hectic last minute activity.

Full support before we leave on July 23rd.

Deputation opportunities.

Steve's father and brother getting to grips with the computer for the distribution of "Tell the Children" resources.

Good health and stamina for us as a family.

A smooth journey to Peru.

A clear passage through customs.

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.