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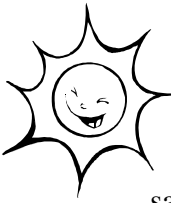
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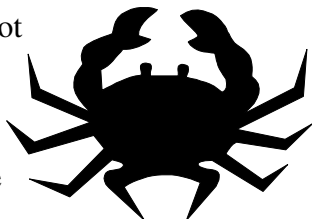
Although it is hard to believe, we have now been here over a year! We have come to the end of our formal language and orientation period although this is of course an ongoing process which never really ends. We want to give thanks to God for his faithfulness in meeting all our needs and helping us feel very much at home both in our church and the Peru mission team.

Language and orientation

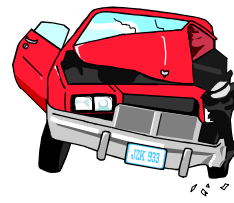
So how did we get on? We recently took the language school exam and although they don't give a mark it showed us where continued work is needed. Although we have completed our formal orientation time, this is an ongoing process. Please pray for us as we work with tutors and continue to learn the culture. Rachel has a good new tutor who is not a Christian, but has had a lot of contact with Christians. Please pray for Brenda.

Amy's News!

 I now go to nursery three mornings a week and really enjoy it, but I don't often tell mummy and daddy what I get up to! It took mummy and daddy ages to work out what I meant when I say, "Amy sapon..." Eventually they got it. It's easy! It means, "Amy wants...!" I've started using my potty now (well, most of the time). I had a nice holiday at the beach with my friend Caroline. Daddy dug up two crabs from their hole for me. They were very deep down! Mummy and daddy enjoyed doing very little with Caroline's parents. One day we went out for lunch and there was a monkey called Martha at the restaurant. I liked it, but not when it tried to take off my cardigan! I've now got 14 guinea pigs as we've had lots of babies which are really cute!



Health and Safety



We are thankful for better health on the whole but can never take this for granted. Please pray particularly for safety in travelling. We were recently in a minor accident when our taxi and another collided at a crossroads. Although there was quite a bit of damage, no-one was injured. We just took another taxi home! We thank the Lord for his care and protection.

Future Plans

We have started working with Victor, a young Christian Peruvian artist. The drawings he has done for the worksheets are quite outstanding. Here is Eve! As a team we are producing a complete Holiday Club package for use in the summer (January and February!) Please pray that it will be ready in good time.



A great need is for Bible visuals and we are hoping to import some excellent Flannelgraph sets from the U.S. The more we buy the better the discount. However, we still have to pay 20% customs duty as although constitutionally there is "freedom of religion", in practice only the R.C. church get any exemption. Please pray that a way round this might be found.

Several local children come quite regularly to play with Amy and her toys. There is a possibility of starting a club for them in our home.

Our annual Spiritual Life Conference will be held here in Arequipa over new year and guess who's been asked to help co-ordinate it?! Please pray for creativity and energy in this task.

The task of producing the monthly prayer notes for the Pacific Andes Area (Chile, Peru and Ecuador) has also fallen to us as those doing it now go on home assignment in December. Ask the Lord to help us in this important responsibility.

Children's Choir



There is a great need for some good quality cassettes to teach songs to churches and Sunday Schools. Many sing the same one or two week after week! We hope to set up a choir, not only to record the tapes, but also as an end in itself. Tied in with this is a project to produce a set of large quality song sheets to go with the tape. New tapes and sets of sheets can be released periodically in sets of about 25.

Clubs

The first Saturday in October has been set for the launch of two clubs at church. One for primary school children and the other for 13-15 year olds. Steve has been doing a series of seven training sessions on Sunday evenings in preparation for this.

Arequipa Children's Ministry

We are working under the umbrella of ACM which ties together the children's work of the SIM team here. This includes among other things the breakfast program for over 1,300 children (see the last issue of SIM UK View), health checks, production of



resources, children's clubs and training children's workers. The progress of this ministry depends on donations over and above our personal support. Such gifts towards the projects we are involved with can be sent to SIM UK marked "Arequipa Children's Ministry" with a qualifying comment e.g. song sheets etc...

Church life

Steve continues to preach once a month and attend the weekly elders' meetings in an advisory capacity. Rachel now goes to the weekly women's meeting. Pray for



wisdom, sensitivity and usefulness.

We are coming up to elections of elders and deacons. There is a shortage of suitable mature candidates! Pray for God's guidance.

Work has begun on laying a concrete sports court next to the church, so it's "all hands on deck!" This land has been derelict for over 30 years! Once finished it will provide a focus for young people from all over the city. We need to complete it soon as the outgoing local mayor has offered us the cement needed. Once he goes in November, the offer will most likely not stand.



Support team

We continue to praise the Lord for his ongoing provision and care. Our support is currently at 91% for which we give thanks.

In closing...

We produced a scrapbook of photos earlier in the year which some of you will have seen. If not and you'd like to, please send your name, address and telephone number to Dr & Mrs C. Peat by the end of October. They will send it to you and let you know who to send it on to. (Sorry, U.K. only!)

Thank you all again for your prayerful and practical support. May God bless you in your service for him.

Yours in Christ,

Steve & Rachel

Praise!

Encouragement at church.

Completion of formal language and orientation.

Protection while travelling.

Amy settling well at nursery.

The Lord's ongoing provision for our needs.

Requests

Physical and spiritual protection.

The building work and elections at church.

The launch of the children's and teens' clubs.

Conference plans and production of the monthly PAA prayer notes.

Completion of the holiday club and other material.

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.