

News from the Barrientos

Beloved,

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We give thanks to God that He has a *'Family in the Faith'* and that we are called *'Children of God'* because He says to us "with an everlasting love I have loved you, I have drawn you with loving-kindness". This Father is the one that we have. Isn't that a wonderful truth?! Although times are difficult, He cares for each one of our needs. How can we not love, serve and live for Him?



In December 2008, I went with my family to Argentina. The goal was to translate for my director, Mr. Tim Prewitt, but we also had the opportunity to enjoy some vacation and rest time. We were able to show our daughter, Priscila, the place where Eva and I got to know each other, where we studied, where we married and where we were called to the service of God.

This summer (*in Peru, it is January-March*), we began our activities with the Children's Camp, January 20-24, where 75 kids attended. We had a beautiful work team from our La Roca Church. They did an excellent job under the direction of Anibal and Rocio. For the first time, 20 children from La Roca Christian School attended and there were decisions of salvation. This filled our hearts with great joy.



On February 5-7, I was the translator at a conference for the Prenatal Center and I really learned a lot about this valuable ministry. The following Sunday, we had the speakers from the conference in our church. It was a time of much learning and challenge; above all, learning about the role of the man in the family, church and in ministry.

On February 9-14, my family and 25 youth from our church left for a Youth Camp in the city of Chiclayo, 14 hours north of Lima. There were 100 youth that attended and I had the privilege of being their teacher for the week. We have seen a great need for spiritual leaders to guide the youth - 80% were believers, but with an apathy toward the Bible. Thanks to God, we noted changes on the third day. They began to get excited about the inductive study from Chapter 6 of the Book of Ephesians when we were presenting the truth about the armor of God. The last day, there were many decisions for Christ and three dedications of lives to serve the Lord. This brought us a lot of happiness, especially to see so many youth trust in Christ as their personal Savior. Eva led two young ladies to Christ.





On our return to Lima, we went directly into all the preparation for the inauguration of the school year in March. Thanks to God, all the books arrived on time and the classrooms were ready. This year, we have 118 children from K-3 to 2nd Grade. Regrettably, we have a shortfall of English teachers. Please pray about this. If you are a certified teacher or know someone that loves the Lord that is a certified teacher and wants to teach in a cross-cultural environment for a period of time, please let us know. Also, this year we have to prepare all the documents for our extension for permission of operation up to the 6th Grade. Currently, we have our

permission up to 2nd Grade. We ask for your prayers; that we might find grace and that this Christ-centered education that has begun will be able to continue. We have classrooms to accommodate 2nd Grade, but we do not have classrooms for the rest of the grades. We have the construction project plans for the entire elementary school but, again, we ask you to pray that the Lord will provide for this.



WE PRAISE GOD FOR:

- ☺ His provision in furnishing the 2nd Grade Classroom - the chairs, tables, chalkboard and other furniture. Thanks to all that participated in this.
- ☺ Rafael Salas, our new teacher for the 1st Grade.
- ☺ Missionaries, Miguel Gómez and Bryan Huyhua, that will be involved in Bible teaching every day in the 1st and 2nd Grades. *"Servants training future servants."*
- ☺ The faithfulness of Miss Hannah, Miss Elise and Miss Ruth. Thanks to all of you that support them in prayer and financially.
- ☺ A new sound system. The one that we had was stolen at one of our evangelistic rallies. But, God is good! Now, we have another one that has even greater power. Thanks to Providence Baptist Church for their generosity.
- ☺ The economic crisis in these times. It is not easy to thank God when we are lacking, but it is God that said to *"give thanks in all circumstances, because this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus"*. This has helped all of us to humble ourselves before God and to further seek His face. He is our Jehovah Gireh, our Provider. Faithful is the One who calls you - and He will do it. May you and I believe and trust in Him every day. Is there anything too difficult for God?

Beloved, may our good God continue to fill you with His blessings and may you rejoice in the Lord for your part in this ministry. Everything we do is for the glory of God and you also will have eternal rewards in this.

Saved by Grace to Serve Him,

Juan, Eva and Priscila Barrientos