

News from the Barrientos - Lima Peru

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Beloved,

Summer went fast. We are entering fall and can see the changes. In our ministry and lives there have also been changes and that's what I want to share with you. We thank you so much for your prayers and financial help. Your support is a vital part of this ministry.

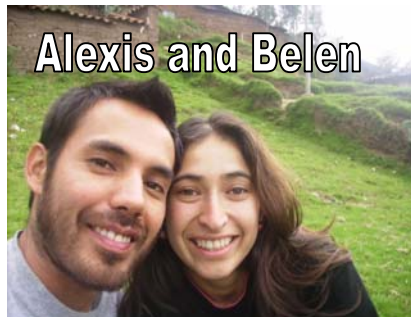
Barrientos Family....

We are doing fine as we grow in love for each other, in understanding and in the grace of God. Priscila is happy to be at school again. (K-5 kids have grown in stature and wisdom.) She loves to help her mother. This summer, she attended the children's camp and VBS where she especially enjoyed the children's musical about the faith of Queen Esther. God has given her many talents and we want to train her so she can serve the Lord at a very young age. Eva (my favorite helper) is doing well. She is taking care of me and serving the Lord with all her strength, heart and soul. I praise the Lord for her. My health, especially my blood pressure, is under control.

Mission Family....

This summer, we were busy preaching the Gospel in many ways and we saw several accept Jesus as their Savior. Some of them are now receiving a follow-up and discipleship. In March, the mayor of Jose Galvez invited us to preach the Gospel in an activity they had for women. We presented a drama about empty hearts. More than 500 people understood that only Christ can fill the emptiness of our hearts. A week later, the mayor invited me to come to his house. I preached the Gospel to him and he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. Now, I'm praying to start counseling and discipling him. Please pray for him. His name is Juan José Castillo.

As you know, the majority of our staff is strong and courageous, but they are still single. All of them have been praying hard for a husband and/or a wife. God heard their cry and it is a pleasure for me to introduce to you three couples that very soon will marry each other with the purpose to serve the Lord together. They are:



They are praying to get married in 2008 (if the Lord doesn't come before that). These three couples have an enormous desire to serve the "Lord of Lords and King of Kings" and we can see how God is using them in His ministry right now. Please pray for their financial support and holiness and that they will leave a legacy for the generation that is following them.

La Roca Christian School....

March 12, the school started with the full kindergarten program. Praise the Lord, we have 62 students, 8 teachers and 5 workers. The K-4 and K-5 parents were our best advertisement. This ministry is growing. April 1, we held our first meeting for the parents and the interest was awesome. There is a great need for God in these families. Please pray for the salvation of these parents and their children. We have planned 5 workshops for the parents during this year. The goal is to present Jesus Christ as the only One who can help them to be effective parents.

Mobile Bible Institute....

April 21-29, a group of seven teachers traveled with me and my family to the city of Andahuaylas to teach the class of pastors and leaders. I taught "Hermeneutics" and Eva taught "Sexual Abstinence". These 30 students were very excited and studied very hard. God has opened great doors for the ministry in this area. Another area in Cuzco opened their doors to us to come and help them teach and prepare over 800 pastors and leaders through the MBI program. This is awesome; this is the work of the Lord. Pray, please, for wisdom to determine the exact time to go inside this area of the mountains that is 12,000 feet high.

When we were leaving for Andahuaylas, many things happened to discourage us before we arrived. We started the trip traveling in our car but, half-way there, the motor head gasket burned and we couldn't continue with the car. We got to Nazca where Eva's parents live, left our car there and continued our trip by bus. In all the rush of changing our luggage to a bus, we lost our multimedia projector. This was very painful because it was something that a dear brother gave to us for the use of the Prenatal Center ministry. Satan worked very hard to discourage us. Eva stayed that night in Nazca, trying to find the projector but it was in vain. Somebody had stolen it. Then, Eva went through several difficulties before she arrived at Andahuaylas - just enough for her to say, "This is enough." But, God had something great in store for us; another area with more than 800 pastors and leaders desiring to be trained. All the glory be to our Lord Jesus Christ!

Prenatal Center....

During the week in Andahuaylas, Eva, Evelyng and Belen were in charge of teaching about sexual abstinence and abortion. It was a tremendous blessing!!!! Twenty-five youth made a vow to keep themselves sexually pure till the day of their wedding. In this group, six of them were pastors that are studying in the MBI program. Our goal now is to train all the pastors and leaders in the MBI so they can teach this to 25 towns and villages. Doors are open to us now that we never imagined. We were praying that the Lord would enlarge our territory and now the Prenatal Center has an invitation to train and teach others. Eva and her team cannot travel to all those villages and town; but, by training others, it will be possible. Please pray for wisdom for Eva and for a new projector. It is very needed for her ministry.

Bus Project....

We want to thank all of you that have given towards this project. Beloved, this is a great need in our ministry. The bus we were looking at is not in good condition and the owner recommended that we buy something better, knowing the type of ministry that we're doing. To find a bus in better condition is more expensive. We have one in sight; it's an International 1994, never used, and the cost is US\$80,000. We want to use it to travel to the mountains and provinces for the MBI ministry, to preach the Gospel and to train churches in evangelism. That is why the other bus is not the best option for this purpose. Please pray with us that God will supply a newer bus.

Beloved, I want to encourage you with words of Scripture: *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze"* (Isaiah 43:2). This verse was of great comfort to us in times of trials. I don't know what trials you are facing, but 'The Great I AM' is saying to you, "I will not leave you, I will be with you, I am your Savior". What a God we have; a God that is very personal, knows everything we're going through. We can love Him and serve Him with all our heart, soul, and strength. Please receive warm greetings from my wife, Eva, and from our little treasure, Priscila. We love you and are praying for you.

Till all will hear of the Savior,



Juan, Eva and Priscila Barrientos

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