

# News from the Barrientos - Lima, Peru

**BELOVED,**

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Since our last letter, God has done great things (both sad and wonderful). We know that God wants us to give thanks in every situation because all things work together for good for those who love God - and we love God.

## OUR FAMILY



Our dear treasure, PRISCILA, is already in the second grade! She loves Miss Hannah, Kety, Bryan and Rafael, her teachers for the different classes. On Sunday night, she serves the Lord by helping in the nursery and does it with great responsibility. She loves taking care of babies. She's learning to play the piano and loves it. She has the talent for it (*like her father*) and it is our desire to train her to serve the Lord with the talents and spiritual gifts that God has given her. On April 22, EVA turned ..6 (*guess how much?*) and I give thanks to the Lord for her. She is of great help in my life and in the ministry. I was invited to Curacao (April 9-20) to preach in an Evangelistic Open-Air Campaign on Easter with the churches of Saliña and Montaña. Those 4 nights were very well attended by the believers and people from around the area. We praise God for the 32 people that accepted our Lord Jesus as their Savior. This campaign was well organized and it was a privilege for me to preach in my own language, in my own country, to my own people. I still have family members that do not know our Lord Jesus as their Savior - and they were there. Even though they did not make a public profession, I know that the Word of God was planted in their lives and that it will never return empty. Someday, God will save them.

## † IGLESIA LA ROCA (The Rock Church) †

We continue to move forward. Through trials and battles, the church of the Living God continues to grow. All glory to Him! This last Sunday, we received a group of 50 new children in our Sunday School. This work was started by a Baptist Church, but for distance reasons they cannot continue. They asked if we would consider adding this group to our Church. They will continue to BRING the kids and the adults for a period of time. Jesus said, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them". We were praying for a growth in our Sunday School and this was a very abundant answer. We love our ministry with the children. We believe that they are channels for the Gospel to reach their families. Today, from the group of kids we started in 1997, some are leaders in the different ministries of the Church. One girl (that had attended our Bible Club in the past) died this week at the age of fifteen from a high fever that was not treated on time. We are sure that she had accepted our Lord Jesus as her Savior and we pray that her family will come to the knowledge of our Lord. Her brother and sister, Oscar and Angela, are attending the Bible Club. Please pray for the salvation of more parents from the Bible Club, the Christian School and our Sunday School. Pray especially for the parents of this new group that is attending. Also, the elders of the Church need wisdom to handle church issues; we, too, appreciate your prayers.

## THE PRENATAL CENTER



In April, we started the Medical Center. It has one medical office, one waiting room and one dental office. We praise God that two brothers from our Church are dentists and have donated part of their time to serve in this ministry. Dr. Reynaga and Dr. Torres come on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-6:30p.m. to serve God's people: pregnant women, kids from the school and the community. They don't have time to take a breath because they



have many patients to see. Please pray for a doctor. The one we had moved to Argentina and we don't have a volunteer yet. This year, we have eight pregnant women that come to the classes and five new babies have been born from January to April. Pray that very soon they will start to attend Church. They attend the Center faithfully and are receiving the Word of God, but it is our goal that they be integrated into the Church. We have received invitations from schools and churches to teach about Sexual Abstinence. Please pray for this team of women that will be teaching: Eva, Silvia and Jasmy. Pray that the Lord will give them wisdom to boldly teach His truth.

## 🍏 LA ROCA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 🍏



We give thanks to the Lord for our good team of teachers. It was not an easy start for some of them. We have had discipline problems with some of the kids, especially the first and second grades. They have problems with learning to listen during class hours. This makes the teachers work a little behind schedule. So, please pray that the kids will start listening to their teachers and

that their behavior will change while the truth of God's Word is being taught to them. Pray that the parents will help at home with the discipline of their children. Also, pray for grace for the extension of our license and also for the construction of new classrooms for next year.



## THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Bible Institute opened its doors again on Monday, April 4, to a new class in Chulucanas, Piura. This group of pastors and leaders are very excited to be trained in God's Word and for us it is a privilege to be a part of this. Pray for wisdom for every teacher and for the students to have a good understanding of God's Truth. **"Great things our God has done; we will rejoice in Him"**.

Thank you so much for being a significant part of this team of ministry. To us, you are a great blessing. Let's continue to run together with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of faith, our Beloved and Precious Lord Jesus Christ. May our Lord God continue to fill your life with His richest blessings and may His name be glorified and exalted in and through your life.

**Saved by Grace to Serve Him,**  
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