



“Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which You have done. If I declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count.” Psalm 40:5

Dear Faithful Friends,

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I am deeply indebted to each of you for your persistent prayers and generous giving that allowed me the opportunity to attend the “International Communications Course”. Wycliffe (a Bible translation mission organization) held training courses at JAARS in beautiful Waxhaw, North Carolina. Studies within the course equip missionaries to be relationally mature, spiritually renewed, culturally sensitive and technically competent. Primarily, I studied how to properly relate to varying view points, various cultures and different backgrounds.

During these four weeks, I attended an ethnic church and ministered in a Spanish-speaking church. I had the blessing of joining the worship team, which proved to be a delightful experience.

Missionary families from all over the country attended the course. Fellowshiping with them was a true joy. I was especially enriched by their acute zeal for God and the work to which He has called each of them. God consistently stretched me spiritually and emotionally.

During the month, I studied Spanish in a language acquisition program. A wonderful lady from Peru who is currently employed at JAARS spent time studying with me and provided further information about Peruvian culture. I look forward to traveling to Antigua, Guatemala to continue Spanish language studies soon. (The dates have not been set.) Your continued prayers are indeed vital and felt.

In His Service,

Elise Ricci



My Table: (L-R) Elizabeth, me, Bob (our facilitator), Beth and John



Part of the worship team at the Spanish-speaking church



Marty (ICC coordinator) with me



ICC students, teachers and facilitators