

my Life in



celebration December...was packed with school activities as we wrapped up the school year right before Christmas and had the first kindergarten graduation for those who had been in the pre-school the last 3 years. Then my summer break began on the 23rd. (Yes, Peru is in the southern hemisphere where the seasons are opposite.) This was a Christmas unlike any other as I spent it with friends and adopted family here in Peru. Following typical tradition, we had a big Christmas dinner at mid-night and stayed up talking and playing games until it was almost light out again. The 31st also typically brings a mid-night celebration but I didn't get to take part as I spent the final moments of 2007 boarding my plane to return to the US for a visit.

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reconnecting January ...brought a whirlwind of excitement as I spent the entire month seeing friends and family in Nebraska, with a quick trip to Chicago to visit Esther. I had the opportunity to be with my supporting churches in North Platte and Omaha. It was a blessing to connect again with many and worship together in what the Lord is doing. I am so abundantly blessed to have the support system in the U.S. that I do. So many brothers and sisters faithfully praying, giving monthly, and sharing words of encouragement. Thanks be to God for the loving individuals He has placed around me. (In case you didn't catch it...I'm thankful for you!)

Humbled February...was filled with tutoring and preparations for the upcoming school year. But, I took a week to travel to Chipillico, in Northern Peru, with a group of young people from my church here to put on a youth camp. It was a humbling experience as I felt quite inadequate to communicate in Spanish. I clung to Phil. 4:13. My continual need for the Lord's help was evident. I was also humbled to see the conditions in which these people live and yet their choice to love and serve with a joyful attitude.

beginning March ... brought a huge answer to prayer. Summer break ended and the new school year began on the 10th. This year the school started the elementary level with the addition of the 1st grade class which I am teaching. Just 2 days before we started classes, God provided the aide that was needed for my classroom. Her name is Romy and she has been an amazing help and blessing. God also provided all the furnishings for our classroom. It is a great environment in which the students can learn. Thanks for all your prayers and gifts!

April...established the school routine, as I have become more familiar with the students and material. The 3rd and 4th we celebrated the 4th anniversary of the school with special activities for the students. In my day to day interactions with my class, I am constantly reminded of all I still have to learn. I am the "teacher" from the students' perspectives, but in reality, a student as well, looking to the Lord as the master teacher to lead and guide me.

May...has arrived and with it the long awaited move into my apartment on the compound. I have been blessed by Juan and Eva's hospitality as they have allowed me to call their house my home since I arrived in Peru.

Missing out...a paragraph per month doesn't do justice to all I am experiencing and learning. If you would like to stay better connected to life here in Peru...you can! Just send me an email at hj.walker@hotmail.com and I will put you on my email update list.

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