

# *Keesa Renée DuPré*

*“And they were astonished beyond measure, saying,  
‘He has done all things well.’” Mark 7:37*

Dear Friends,

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What an amazing God we serve! I've been deeply touched by your responses since my last letter. By the grace of God, my support level is now at 31% and I have almost a third of my outgoing expenses! When I consider the fact that it usually takes missionaries 3-6 months to reach 31% of their support, it just knocks my socks off!

Many of you have asked when I will leave for Peru. I don't have a firm date yet, but I can tell you that it will **not** be before December. The reason is that since I will be working in church planting, I will need a certain number of Bible classes before I can go full-time. I am taking these classes with the Institute of Biblical Studies here at Anniston Bible Church and, Lord willing, I will finish in late November/early December of this year.

Once my Bible classes are finished, I could leave as early as January 2010. (Needless to say, that is my prayer!) The deciding factor is my support level. If the Lord provides the remainder by the end of this year, then it's possible that I will leave in January.

Meanwhile, my time is anything but idle! Besides my Bible classes and partnership development, I am also busy with the first of two internships that World Reach requires before I can return to Peru as a "Career Missionary". My current internship is with my local church, Anniston Bible Church. What a blessed time it has been. I am working five days a week (six, if you count Sundays!) here at ABC and learning all the "behind-the-scenes" work that goes into making a healthy, thriving church. All I can say is, "WOW!!" I had no idea how much it takes to keep everything running smoothly.

As our church prepared to send its annual short-term missions team to Peru, I was able to participate in the preparations for the trip with mixed feelings of joy and melancholy. Because I'm planning on returning to Peru full-time, my elders felt that it would be wiser for me not to go with the team. A wise decision when you realize that the cost to go for two weeks would have been a third of what I need to return full-time. (This is because so much of my outgoing expenses would have been the cost of the plane ticket.)

Even so, as I translated notes for the Bible classes to be taught and helped the team members prepare for cross-cultural evangelism, it felt strange to think that this would be the first time that I would not be going with them since our church started Mission Peru in 2007. Before that trip, I never dreamed that God would transform my life so radically; that He would take me from a timid, terrified “Mama’s girl” and turn me into a cross-cultural missionary! No one in my church would have told you four years ago that Keesa (who could barely get over her shyness enough to speak two words to her closest friends) would one day be sharing the Gospel with complete strangers in a different language on the other side of the world. Indeed, our God does all things well!

And, as if that wasn’t enough, my prayer cards have arrived in all their shining beauty! Please put the one enclosed on your refrigerator (or wherever else you choose) to be reminded to pray for me, not only when I actually arrive in Peru, but in the months leading up to my departure as well.

Please be in prayer for me, especially in these next few months as I continue with Bible classes, internships and partnership development. Specific prayer requests include:

- **Time management (Juggling the demands of classes, internship/ministry and partnership development is anything but easy!)**
- **Grace and wisdom as the Lord continues to stretch me**
- **Boldness in evangelism here in the States**
- **God’s grace and presence with me in the midst of personal/family situations**
- **Partnership development – That God would raise up people with a heart for the work in Peru who want to be a part of it through financial and prayer support**
- **Christ in me – That Keesa would disappear and only Christ would shine through**

Thank you so much for your love and support. As we embark on this strange new path together, I hope you will experience as much joy and delight in the journey as I am!

*Serving Him Together,*

*Keesa Renée DuPré*