



NEWS FROM THE WHITMORES

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That's us 14 years ago!

It's hard to believe but it has been almost 14 years since we took that step of faith and responded to that which God was calling us to do. As the new year begins, Kathy and I want to thank you for partnering with us in our ministry with World Reach.

Thanks for praying for my trip to Peru in December. You may recall that the primary purpose of my trip was to teach at our Bible Institute in Chipillico, located in northern Peru. I spent a few days at La Roca, our main ministry location in Jose Galvez (a little south of Lima) before heading to Chipillico. This gave me a chance to see the progress of a number of ministries that originate out of La Roca, including several where new churches are being planted, La Roca Christian School and our prenatal crisis pregnancy center.



School is Fun!

I had an interesting first time experience while there at La Roca. Juan Barrientos, our Peru Field Director, asked me to share a "nugget of truth" from God's Word with the parents of the school children. Halfway into my "nugget of truth" many of those attending jumped up and ran out of the building. I looked at Juan and asked, "Did I say something wrong?" Juan looked up at the swaying light fixtures and replied, "Earthquake!" I probably wouldn't have noticed it had not Juan pointed it out. It turns out that the Peruvians are nervous about earthquakes, especially following the big one they experienced last August.

It was then on to northern Peru and the village of Chipillico in the foothills of the Andes. I had the privilege of teaching the last class for 27 students who were graduating from our Bible



The village of Chipillico

Praise

- We have a new granddaughter— Noel Finnamore. We're going to China in March to see her.
- Our new orphanage building in Kenya is complete!

Prayer

- For leaders in Kenya who would promote peace and stability.
- Several short-term teams are going to Peru and Honduras this Spring and Summer. Pray that team members will see the world as God sees it.
- God's provision for several new staff members.



Bath time in Chipillico

Institute in Chipillico. We looked at the life of Abraham, patriarch to over 50% of the world's "religious" population. During the graduation ceremony I had the privilege of bringing a message of encouragement and challenge to these dear brothers and sisters in Christ. It was also encouraging to see several hundred people from the surrounding area come and witness the graduation.



Making a point about Abraham

The Bible Institute at Chipillico, Peru, is an example of what has been taking place in Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, Kenya, Nicaragua, Romania, and Ukraine. World Reach is taking biblical training to hundreds of pastors, aspiring pastors, and other church leaders and workers who, because of their economic situation, cannot leave their location to obtain formal biblical training elsewhere. For another perspective on the impact of this training, visit our website: www.world-reach.org, click on "News from the Field" and select "News from Ukraine".



People came from near and far to see the students graduate.



Chipillico Bible Institute Class

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Noel Finnamore

On a personal note.... **How about our granddaughter!** Scott and Angie saw a long process come to fruition two weeks before Christmas as they welcomed Noel into their family. Noel is 15 months old. She had been abandoned on the steps of a hospital shortly after her birth and spent most of her time in an orphanage. Kathy and I are encouraged that she is bonding quickly to her new family.



Hudson, Scott, Angie, Noel
A Happy Family!