

# La Luz de Cristo para Perú

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## A Daily Decision

Lately, we have found ourselves really having to focus and make very conscious decisions daily. As the ministries here really begin to grow and our involvement becomes more and more integrated, balance and focus becomes more and more important and the enemy is working so much harder at throwing us off-center.

**Asking for God's will daily...** It is so easy to become so wrapped up in our ministries and what our dreams are for the people here that we forget that they **aren't** OUR ministries - they are God's! Of course, our intentions are good and we are here to serve and to help, but we are here to do it to the glory of God. And we have to lay down *our* desires every day and ask Him to work *His* will in the people, not ours. It is a daily effort and decision to cast off our desires and follow His, because the more we live among the people here and the more we love them, the more we want for them. We want them to see all that is good. We want them to have all that God has waiting for them. We want them to be set free in Him. And so often, we think that we know exactly how to make that happen. And then, BAM! That's when we realize that we just took the reins and started driving again. Time to stop, refocus on Him and His will, and give the reins back to the One in charge. Time to say, "Yes, Sir. Sorry, Sir. I forgot that I am a servant and a follower. Please, Sir, lead the way."

**Trusting Him...** Equally as difficult as walking in His will every day is remembering that we can trust Him every day with everything. Of course we know that, but the minute that we take over and start driving the cart again, we have shown a lack of trust that He can do it. We have exerted our own muscle and shown our "I know what I'm doing" and "I can do this better" attitude that is so human! As though God isn't big enough / smart enough / strong enough to handle it. We are so good at trusting ourselves and so pitiful at remembering who He is and trusting him. As though we can't remember all of the mistakes and messes we have made out of things in the past! And the stress and worry that we put ourselves through... all because we are carrying the burden and not allowing Him to carry it for us. Daily, we must refocus and recheck our trust level and lay our burdens at His feet. We have to remember to trust Him with His plan, trust Him with the people here, and trust Him to show us the way.



**To Rest in His peace...** Life is so much easier and less complicated and peaceful when we rest in Him. When we are focused on Him and on the first two parts of this list (asking for His will daily and trusting Him daily), then it is so easy to rest in Him, to find calm in every day and in every situation. But when the first two are out of balance, then the peace is lost and we are left to fight and to struggle to find our center and our equilibrium again. And there is no peace or rest when we are not focused.

The image comes to mind of Billy walking beside Sarah as she attempts to balance and walk on the retaining wall near our house, his hand always there - always ready to steady her and balance her, or catch her if she falls. But she is stubborn and tries to do it alone, her way, sometimes losing her focus as her gaze strays to a dog in the street, or she decides to move too fast and tries to run instead of concentrate on her balance. And the inevitable happens - she falls, she skins her knee, she is physically wounded and her pride is bruised. And her daddy picks her up, dusts her off, kisses her wounds, and sets her back on course... just like Our Father. He's always there, always trustworthy, always available to lead the way, to balance us. And when we fall, He's always there to pick us up and give us peace. Daily.

Please pray for us as we work to minister to the people here and work to focus on Jesus daily. The closer we get to Him and to His people, the harder the enemy tries to unbalance us. Pray for our daily guidance, our daily trust, and our daily balance.

~ Laurie & Billy

## March to the beat... Daily life with The Drums

It's the little things that make life what it is each day...

- ◆ Karina asked us if she could call us "Tia" and "Tio" this month (Aunt and Uncle). This is a huge complement to us! Karina is the 13 year old granddaughter of our friend Pedro. Frequently, Karina comes by on her way home from school just to visit with us, or to ask for help with homework, or to share with us her latest cooking creation. She is amazingly intelligent and incredibly sweet. She is always helpful, frequently entertaining Sarah or offering to wash the dishes after lunch or helping me fold clothes. She appeared when we moved houses and came every day until we were settled and everything was unpacked.



- ◆ The new neighbors came out to meet us as we moved in. They were so happy to meet us and to find out that Sarah was the same age as their daughter, Lize. Then the mother began to cry and said that we were an answer to her prayers. She was praying for a nice family and a friend for her daughter. The mother works in another city and isn't in town all week. Lize is home with a 14 year old brother while her dad is at work. They instantly began carrying furniture and boxes into our house and helped us through much of the process. Lize has been a near-constant fixture in our home since we moved, and we couldn't have asked for a better friend for Sarah.

### Walking alongside Peruvians

Cultural Learning Corner

As we approach the opening day of the Kuyay Talpuy education center in Iscos (a school for children who do not have the opportunity and economics to attend school), we have been working to get the children identified and enrolled in the program. With the help of the city officials, we identified homes and families in the area - people in extreme poverty, people with multiple children not attending school because of lack of funds, families in distress. And we began our search... face-to-face, door-to-door, field-to-field; walking through the countryside talking to the people and searching for children who would like to attend school. And we met with obstacles that we did not expect! Granted, if a Peruvian couple came walking through the streets of Navasota or College Station, Texas and offered to give Ryan and Miles and Sarah a free education, we would have met them with some serious distrust. But the distrust here is of a different nature. The fear that these people are telling us is:



Our first student... Randy. His family owns 2 cows, 2 donkeys, and a one acre field. With that, they try to make a living and have enough food to eat.

- ◆ "One time before, some Christians came here and started a program and said they wanted to help us. Then our animals started disappearing."
- ◆ "You are going to put chemicals in the food that you feed our children."
- ◆ "Many of our children were stolen in the past, by Shining Path terrorists and by the Russians. We never saw them again. We can't afford to lose our children again."
- ◆ "Why would you do this for us? Why would you give us this gift for free?"

And so the search has been slow. In the first day, only 2 families would agree to trust us and enroll their children. In the first week, we only enrolled 6 children. We were very discouraged. We began to question the city officials and their "inflated numbers". We began to question God and whether or not we were in His will. Our Peruvian teacher began to get angry at the distrust of the people, then she began to beg us for forgiveness for her people and her culture. And we sank into a puddle of "what-should-we-do?" And then came God's answer, through our prayers, through other people, through the people who were willing to talk to us in Iscos... "This is the reason that I led you to Iscos. It isn't so much for the education of the children as it is to teach the parents how to trust and how to love and how to accept my love for them. To heal old wounds, to chase away fears, and to soften their hearts to me ~God." As soon as we realized this, the doors began to open. Our focus is not only on loving the children of Iscos, but also on loving their parents. The day after we realized this, we received 7 more enrollments and much more trusting, open parents. Yesterday, we enrolled 10 more. And so we press on...

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### Prayers: & Praises:

- ◆ Praise God for raising supporters for the Iscos Project (Kuyay Talpuy Education Center for street children)!!! Only a few more needed to be fully funded before opening day August 10th.
- ◆ Pray for the children in the orphanage "La Aldea Rosario" - we continue to have serious difficulties with our ministry there due to scheduling with the administration.
- ◆ Pray for our boys, Ryan and Miles. Ryan is finishing his summer classes at Texas A&M Kingsville and Miles is about to embark on his college career at Texas A&M Corpus Christi.
- ◆ Pray for the students and leadership at Colegio Cristiano El Camino.
- ◆ We have made a difficult decision with regard to Sarah's education... we are now homeschooling her in both USA and Peruvian curriculums. Please pray for this venture. So far, so good. With two teacher-parents to share the teaching duties and a very willing student, we are already seeing the fruits of this decision. Sarah also has the added benefit of the socialization with the children at the Kuyay Talpuy school each week.
- ◆ Pray for God to continue to open doors for us to minister to the people of Huancayo, the surrounding Mantaro Valley, and Peru.
- ◆ Praise God for his daily provision in our lives. Pray for all of the people who support us in this mission and make this a reality!
- ◆ Pray for the new North American Language Institute. Pray for interns and volunteers to come forth and support us with short-term service in Peru. We continue to shoot for an October opening date, volunteers pending.



- ◆ Pray for the McEuen family. They will join us as full-time missionaries in Huancayo on August 17th!
- ◆ Pray for Darwin and Milagros, our Peruvian workers in the Kuyay Talpuy school. Pray for godly wisdom and guidance as they work to educate the children of San Juan de Iscos and share the love of Christ with the community.
- ◆ Pray for the medical mission team who will be joining us in late August, working to serve the people of Puerto Bermudez (in the jungle).
- ◆ Pray for God's Word and His Light to shine in the darkness in countries all around the world. Praise God for calling and sending missionaries to share His love in every nation.



Prayers & Praises

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## Connected to the World

Do you know where your “stuff” comes from? If you really wanted to know how connected you are to the people in the rest of the world, look around you. The world is literally within arm’s reach of my bathroom sink:

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