

I am the way,
the truth,
and the life.

On Belay

Your Ministry with
the
Shaw
Family
in Peru

SIM

By Prayer

No one comes to the Father
except through me. Jn 14:6

Spring 2006

To the "rope holders" of the "climbing" team

There is no other way

Three hours later and two thousand feet higher than when we started hiking, we found ourselves back in the familiar village where so many have heard the gospel over the last few years. Brothers and sisters in the Lord welcomed us on the trails as they were bringing their animals back home after a days grazing out in the fields. We smiled, and exchanged greetings as we all looked forward to fellowship in the word later on in the evening.

We met in an adobe hut where we hung our kerosene lantern from the hand hewn log rafters and prepared the musty room for the meeting. Immediately a few children greeted us and began to ask questions and help us with our tasks.

Dirty and with torn clothes, they are very small for their age. Some of the children were very bold in showing their excitement about the meeting. As we started with Quechua hymns and some Spanish bible songs, the spiritual hunger of the people was shown in their seriousness and attention, even in the children of varying ages.

As the bible was opened, a Quechua brother (Santiago) taught and urged the people to place their trust in Jesus Christ, the only savior given to them by their creator. Now, Santiago expectantly looks for the fruit of God's saving work in the people as he returns each week to teach and encourage.

Please remember to pray for a true saving work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of these needy people. Thank you.



*Neither is there
salvation in any
other, for there is
no other name
under heaven
given among men,
whereby we must
be saved.*

Acts 4:12



belay (bi-lā') vb. To make fast a rope, to secure a person at the end of a rope. n. a rock to which a mountaineer anchors himself, or another, by a rope.

Radio ministry

We have come to another bump in the road as we work toward obtaining the FM radio license. The government needs to do a study of the canyon area before they can issue frequencies. As of this date, they are prioritizing other areas of Peru, leaving our area with no legal radio or television. Please pray for wisdom as we look at political options to encourage the government to not forget this remote and needy area of Peru.



Children's ministry

The Lord has given several blessings toward reaching children for Christ. **Patty**, a primary school teacher and minister of children with her home church in Arequipa, has come to live and serve with us in the Cotahuasi canyon. While we also need more workers who can **focus on children**, Patty has begun to visit several villages regularly. So many children are hungry for God's love.

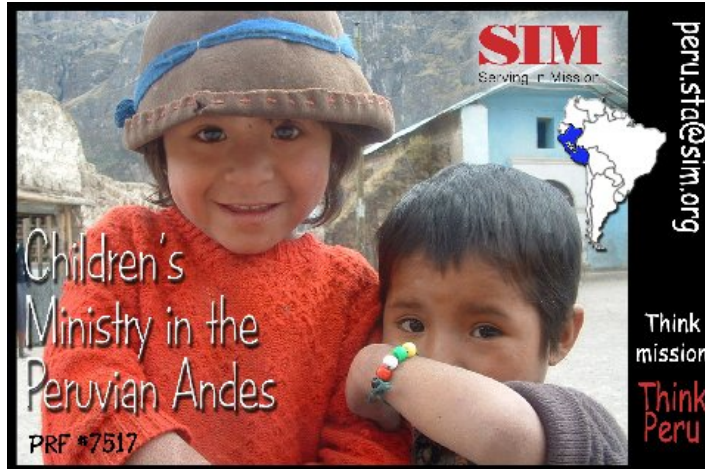
We are asking the Lord to call and send others who can also work with us as we reach out to share the gospel with these children. Please pray for the Lords provision. You can find out more about this short term

assignment PRF #7517 by contacting SIM at peru.sta@sim.org or by contacting us at the email address noted below. Also, we will be inviting others to participate in a **child sponsorship** project to assist these families. **More on this coming soon!**

Alejandro, a brother in the Lord who first visited us in November of last year, is a Peruvian with various abilities in law and education. He has begun **working to start a Christian school** next school year (to start March 07), in Cotahuasi. Please pray for acquisition of rented facilities, repair, and preparation, staffing, and the formalities of obtaining permission. We all will be involved with this project over the next couple of years and will need much help.



Please pray for Sinon and Sandra, a very young Quechua couple who have volunteered to run the Children's home. They are learning!



Praises and Prayers

Praise Him - for how the Theological Education by Extension is helping more Quechua believers to grow and prepare for their ministries in church planting.

Praise Him - for the growing children's ministry and those He is calling to help in this work.

Praise Him - for how support has come to us for the radio development and other answers to prayers regarding engineering and planning.

Pray - for the continuing growth of the work here. For the Children's home, its administration and spiritual ministry to the children there. For the new Christian school so much needed here.

Pray - for the licensing process for the FM radio station and that the government will do the necessary work to enable them to issue frequency permission.

Pray - for our team of Peruvians: Santiago, Fredy, Alberto, Patty David, Lorenzo, Faustino, Rosa, Diego, Sinon, Sandra, Aldo, and Lydia

Pray - for our family's physical health and energy as we seek to continue in obedience. For Brad's shoulder to continue to improve after a left clavicular fracture in January. (He fell off of the Mule!)

Pray - for our family's spiritual growth as we continue to be changed and matured in Christ. For Janelle and Cassandra as they study and participate in ministry.

Thank you so much
Brad, Gina, Janelle,
and Cassandra



This school year, several families have joined with us to form a **Christian home for their children** to be able to attend school. In most villages there are no secondary schools, and the primary schools function only intermittently. We have started small, with only eight children, so that all who are involved can learn how to do this. As of now, it is a little like camping out! We have been busy repairing and fixing the place to function in a basic way, so that they have a safe place to sleep, eat and study in a godly home.



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