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April Newsletter (Finally!)

My apologies for the delay between newsletters. I was in the process of composing a February newsletter when my hard drive died. After a lengthy process, I finally have a working computer again.



Luis, Miguel, and Billy on top of Picol.

I now have less than six months left of my two-year commitment. The time has gone by incredibly fast. I hope God will use all of my experiences and lessons learned thus far to allow me to be extremely effective during my remaining time in Cusco. It is my prayer that God will enable me to finish this race well.

God, Grant Me Patience

The past couple months have had their difficulties. A number of the jobs and ministries that I am a part of experienced setbacks to varying degrees.

There were high hopes for a reading program that I began with a couple of illiterate men. Sadly, one of the men has moved away and the other has rediscovered alcohol. So this program has all but ended.

Our weekly trips to Ccolcaque were also put on hold because of bad weather, Erasmo's work commitments, and other logistical factors. I hope to resume our visits to the village in May.

My discipleship group also had some changes. Billy has moved to Lima. Some of the guys had not been coming regularly either. We finally figured out this was due to scheduling problems. We have changed our time and day and hopefully this will work for everyone.

Without my computer, there were difficulties communicating with supporters and with the MTW office.

Finally, God is also challenging my faith with a struggling support account. Thus far He has provided for me. I am confident that God can and will provide what I need to finish up my time here.



Quite possibly the first photo ever taken of these kids.

A Church Census

The San Jeronimo church lately has had very low attendance. Much of the problem is likely related to a lack of knowledge about church attendees and specific prayer for them.

I have been given the task of compiling a database of all church attendees. I will be visiting the homes of churchgoers to get information such as names,



We encountered snow and ice on the way to Ccolcaque. Motorcycles and ice don't go well together.

address (or GPS coordinates where the streets have no name), family size, occupation, and prayer needs. This is quite a large job. It will require a good bit of time and help to complete the survey. However, this has the potential to be a very valuable prayer resource.

A Chance to Speak

This past Sunday I gave the message at the evening's youth service. This was the first time that I have given a sermon in Spanish. I spoke about Romans 8:15 and God's adoption of us as sons and daughters, co-heirs with Christ.

Beforehand, I was very anxious about speaking in front of a crowd in Spanish. God really blessed me as I spoke. My nerves were calmed and I was really able to enjoy myself. I even improvised a few really intelligent jokes. Actually, they were quite corny. I was very thankful for my time in front of the youth group. I hope that God uses it to encourage and strengthen the youth.

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Prayer Needs

- For spiritual growth and closeness in our discipleship group
 - That God will continue to provide me with financial and prayer support
 - For growth and maturity in the San Jeronimo Church
- That God will give me the strength, wisdom, faith, and love to finish well in Peru
 - That my relationship with Christ will continue to grow

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