

# EIS ON THE PRIZE

## Some Changes

I have experienced a few different changes in my life and ministry since my last newsletter. These changes have been for the good and I have enjoyed them. However, any change can be difficult and God has been using any trial I encounter to bring me closer to Himself.



*I'm not sure that the indian headdress was really needed. Ellie enjoying Thanksgiving afternoon at the Powlison house.*

## My Home

The mission and church decided to sell a good bit of their property in Pallpanccay to another mission that will use it to expand their Christian school. This decision was made because the property was not being used as it was originally intended.

However, the property being sold included my living space. So I had to find somewhere else to live. I have moved into an apartment in San Jeronimo. I do miss living in Pallpanccay. I miss the people and the peacefulness of life there. Fortunately, it is only a ten-minute bike ride from my new place. I am now much

closer to the church and to many of the youth that I have been working with.

In Pallpanccay I was basically living out of the Powlison's house (I didn't have a bathroom or kitchen) and only sleeping in my room on the other side of the village. Living by myself in San Jeronimo, I am more separated from them and the Cusco team. But so far, God has kept loneliness out of my life. He is enabling me to go deeper into the culture, language, and church community. Also, living by myself, I am learning more about the importance of having a microwave in my life.

The change in my housing situation was unexpected but God has made the transition relatively easy and is using it to do good things in my life and ministry.



*Saul, Luis, Miguel, and Billy snacking before we meet.*

## A Discipleship Group

Since moving into my new apartment I have started a discipleship group with five teenage guys from the church. All of them have a desire to grow in their relationship with Christ. I see them as future leaders of the church. It is my prayer that they will be godly men of character and examples of Christ's transforming power.

Early on I asked them when was the last time they had read their

Bibles outside of a church event. I was shocked. For some of them it had been months. God really showed me the need for spiritual disciplines in their lives. So now we are doing a study on spiritual disciplines. We are trying to avoid the checklist mentality of spiritual disciplines. Discipline is required of us. But our goal is not to have spiritual discipline just to impress the others in the group or to feel good about ourselves. Our goal is to have spiritual discipline for the purpose of godliness.

## Youth Club

We recently had some great new ideas for the youth club. The main point was to make the club into an avenue for the youth to really serve the community, practicing evangelism and outreach. Ideas included visiting the children's ward at the hospital, going to more remote villages over long weekends, and having events to raise money for these ventures. We also would move our meeting location from Pallpanccay to the church in San Jeronimo.

After discussing these changes and trying to implement them, we experienced a huge drop in attendance. It was very discouraging. We could not get more than a few participants any given week. There are a number of possible explanations for the recent lackluster participation. The youth are very busy right now as the school year ends. They also might just not be catching the vision to serve their community. So right now the club is taking a break, at least until the new year, while we evaluate, brainstorm, and get past this busy time of year.

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*Look, there's snow in Cusco! Actually, it was just a lot of hail.*

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for the guys in my discipleship group, Miguel, Luis, Saul, Billy, and Javier. Pray that they would grow

in their relationship with Christ. Also pray that we would be open and honest with each other.

- Pray for our wisdom and guidance from the Lord as we make decisions concerning the future of the youth club. Pray that the Lord would give them a heart to serve and share with those in need.

- Pray for safety in my travels as I visit my family over Christmas. Also pray that my stateside time would be a blessing for me and the rest of my family.

- Pray for the Powlison and Allen families as they battle with the difficulties of Peruvian adoptions.

- Pray that God would use me for His glory in my ministry, as well as in my spiritual and personal life.

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