

EIS ON THE PRIZE

A Wet Summer

I have spent this past month dodging water-balloons, squirt guns, and buckets of water. February is the month of carnival, and it is the custom in Peru to celebrate the month with water fights. In addition to the carnival festivities there has been rain. A lot of it! I now appreciate the gravity of the term 'rainy season'.

But March is here and the summer, along with its rains, will soon be over. Kids will be in school again and I will be able to walk through town poncho-free.



A sneak preview of next year's family Christmas card.

The Family in Peru

My parents and sister came to Cusco the day after Christmas and were here for ten days. It was great to spend time with them over the holidays. They were able to see Cusco and meet all the missionaries and Peruvians I am working with. They also helped me make my new room livable. It was a wonderful time. I was

really blessed by my time with Dad, Mom, and Allie.

Scouting Club

On January 5th we kicked off the scouting program in Pallpanccay with a mini-retreat. Since then we have been meeting every Saturday at 3:00. Normal meetings include games, sports, Bible memory, and dinner. The normal attendance has been between 15 and 20 youth. The club is being led by myself, two other short-term missionaries, Susanna and Marissa, and some seminary students from Lima (see below).

In addition to the weekly group meeting, the youth are meeting weekly in smaller groups to learn and practice a specific topic and earn its respective badge. Right now they are learning about cooking, art, or physical fitness. I am enjoying myself as I teach the physical fitness class.

The primary goal of the club is discipleship. We hope the participating youth will grow into well-rounded, mature church leaders.

New Arrivals

In January four recent seminary grads from Lima arrived in Cusco. They came to work with the mission and local church for a year. Their names are Javier and his wife Leni, Wilbur, and Edwinson.

It has been a great pleasure getting to know the guys from Lima and to learn from them. I am greatly encouraged by their pas-

sion and love for Christ. They have also been an amazing help to us with the scouting program.

It has been a nice change for me to have fellowship with men my own age. We have already watched and played a number of fútbol games together. I enthusiastically look forward to spending this year with Javier, Wilbur, and Edwinson.



Miguel helps Nelson do sit-ups as they learn about physical fitness.

New Job

I received the role of team treasurer in January. It is now my responsibility to withdraw money from the ATM

daily, keep financial records, and make sure the team's money goes to its proper place. In the process I am learning a lot about the administrative aspect of missions.

This job takes up a good deal of my time. I am much busier now than I was a couple months ago. Because of the new demands on my time I have had to quit Tae kwon do. But in case anybody was wondering, I did break my board and received a yellow belt in January.



The nearly completed Josephine House. My room is directly below the man holding a bucket.

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New Home

I have moved into my apartment in the Josephine House. I am enjoying having a room and space of my own. However, the house is still under construction. It lacks a kitchen, bathrooms, and residents. I look forward to the completion of the building when it will fulfill its purpose, housing poor and destitute families.

Prayer Requests

- That God would use the scouting program for his glory. That we will not lose sight of its purpose.
- For new believers and growth in the local church, Jesus el Buen Pastor.
- That my time with the Lord will be satisfying, strengthening my relationship with Christ and my ability to minister.

- For increased Spanish fluency.
- For my fellow missionaries in Cusco. That we would strengthen, encourage, and support each other.
- For the upcoming presidential election in April. That the new president will be the best choice for Peru. That there will be peace during the political transition.
- That my witness will boldly point to Christ.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Without your love I would only be a resounding gong and a clanging cymbal.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 1:3-6



Edwinson demonstrates the proper way to flour one's face.

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