

# EIS ON THE PRIZE

## One Year in Cusco

On September 15th I will have been in Peru for one year. This has been the quickest year of my life. It seems like I just arrived in Cusco last week. Yet Cusco is now my home. At this point in my life I cannot see myself being anywhere else.

Here are a few fun things that I have learned during the past year.

- I no longer see a pet when I look at a guinea pig. I see dinner.
- On-time is now early and 20 minutes late is on-time.
- Paying \$.75 instead of \$.60 for a taxi ride warrants a heated discussion with any driver.
- I have learned to use the horn and have forgotten how to use a turn signal when I drive.
- Murphy's law was hypothesized after a visit to South America.



*Teaching Margot the fundamentals of baseball.*



*Miguel and Roger help wash dishes after dinner with the Club Pallpanccay.*

- On bike, motorcycle, or foot I now know the proper way to kick any attacking dog.

In addition to these interesting facts, I have learned a lot about myself, the mission field, God, and my relationship with Christ. Many times things happen in ways that are not planned or pleasant. During these moments it is important for us to realize that in fact, we do not deserve any better. Who are we to be upset? Also, a sense of humor is a true gift of God. It can help to make any circumstance bearable. And if not tolerable, there will still be a good story when all is said and done.

As I look ahead to my remaining time in Cusco I am aware of how quickly it will go by. I pray that my time here will not be wasted. Rather, that God will use me during this time to strengthen and grow his Church in Cusco.

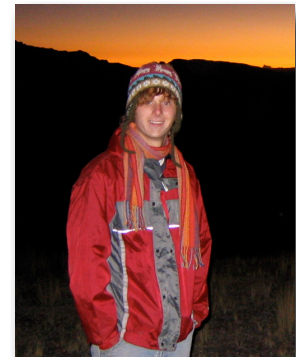
### The Summer

The summer has left us and with it a number of work teams from the States have come and gone. The Powlisons were gone for much of the summer. So I was put in charge of summer groups. I was blessed to lead the summer teams with the help of Sara Davis, Laura Deadwyler, and Andrew Letchworth. I must

mention that 16-year old Andrew is probably the future mayor of Pallpanccay.

The teams did a variety of things. One team traveled 10 uncomfortable hours to Santo Tomás. There we worked on the church building and did a lot of children's ministry. Other groups painted, built walls, poured cement, and did various other jobs in Pallpanccay. I really enjoyed my time and fellowship with the churches from the States. Though I must say, I almost ran out of energy before all the groups left.

In July I was able to have a short break and traveled to Florida for a good friend's wedding. I had a great time. It was especially nice to spend time with friends and family during my trip to the States. I was also blessed to have a very smooth transition when I returned to Peru.



*Andrew Letchworth, summer-intern extraordinaire.*

### Current Ministry

Here is a list of some of the work I am currently involved with.

- Leading Club Pallpanccay on Saturday afternoons.
- Finances for the team in Cusco.
- I have started discipling Saul (you may remember him as the guy that had surgery in the spring).

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*Enjoying a trip to Moe's with my sister, Allie.*

- I am going to the village of Ccol-caqi with an elder of the church named Erasmo on a weekly basis to assist him with a Bible study.
- Lots of random things that come up every day.

### **Prayer and Praise**

- Praise that more people are catching the vision of bringing the gospel to remote Quechua villages.
- Please pray for the strength and unity of the Cusco church.
- Please pray that I will more deeply appreciate the love and grace of Christ. That I would show that love and grace to the people of Cusco.
- Pray that we as missionaries will encourage and strengthen one another.
- Please pray for my time here to help me learn more about my gifts, skills, and calling. This will assist me in decisions I will make in the near future.

- Pray for the spiritual growth of the youth we are working with. They are the future leaders of the church.

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

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