



**Jason & Sarah Sheets**  
Serving the Lord in Arequipa, Peru

## Year-End Update

December 2016

Merry Christmas from Arequipa! We hope that each of you has a great holiday season and is able to enjoy time with your families celebrating and remembering Christ's birth. We'll admit that it hardly feels like Christmas here. The kids have just finished up school for the year and we are moving into summer. This Christmas will be our second here in Peru and we are doing our best to make new Christmas traditions. Normal activities here in Arequipa include eating a fruitcake type bread called panetón and drinking Peruvian hot chocolate as well as going to community activities and concerts in the city plazas. This year, we bought a Christmas tree, yet being from the Pacific Northwest, we miss the aroma of pine filling the house. It is impossible to find a real tree here! Our schedule, like many of yours, is filled with church events, family activities and evenings of enjoying our favorite Christmas movies!

At Christmas, we remember Jesus as a baby. Let's not forget though, that while Jesus had humble beginnings on this earth, that God told Mary and Joseph that he would be the Son of the Most High, that his kingdom would never end and that through this baby, all of mankind would be saved. That's some baby! May we rejoice as the angels rejoiced that night, glorifying and praising God for the precious gift of His son, Jesus. Merry Christmas!



Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

### Family Update

This month, we celebrated Andrew's third birthday. On this date every year, Peru observes a national holiday that is well-known in the Catholic church called the Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. He had a small birthday party in his classroom at school the day prior and we celebrated at home with some friends from church. The kids are quite happy that school is over, but sad to say their goodbyes to their friends until next March.



Kids playing together with Andrew's new train set

In November, Jason made a quick trip to the US to be with his family after the passing of his grandmother. She was a woman who loved the Lord and walked with Him. We are thankful that we can be certain of her eternity and that she is finally, truly healed. One of the joyous moments of the trip was to meet our new niece for the first time and celebrate her birthday. He was also able to connect briefly with our home church, Emmanuel Bible Church, and spend some time with some friends and supporters.



Our teammate Emilio with a man from the community

## Ministry Updates

There has been a lot going on at the Ciudad de Dios ministry site these past few months. Since August, we have been averaging about 30 kids and 5 women at our Sunday meetings and about 12 kids at our weekly homework club.

On a couple of occasions we have had the opportunity to meet with a few of the men from the community as well. This has not been consistent at all, but we are thankful! There is a picture above of our teammate Emilio faithfully sharing God's Word with a man that came one Sunday. This man came only to bring his granddaughters, who are regulars, but decided to stay. Emilio has a desire to see the lives of the men of this area transformed. He spent over an hour talking with him, praying with him, and reading scripture with him. As we go into 2017, we are asking the Lord for more opportunities like this one. Also, we have been very encouraged to see our team faithfully serving the Lord and trusting in Him more for the spiritual harvest.



Many people from the community came out for the community Christmas drama. We thank for the Lord for the great turnout!

We have also been blessed these past few months to have some community events and special services. In October, the women's ministry from our home church El Camino sent out a group to Ciudad de Dios for a special service. In November, we hosted a community concert put on by the worship team from El Camino church. Jason had the opportunity to share the gospel message with about 50 people from the community. Our team was able to pray with some women and kids that responded to the gospel and made decisions for Christ! Two weeks ago, we held a special service to celebrate to end of the ministry year and to celebrate Christmas. The group of women sang a song and both groups of kids performed skits. We handed out gift bags to everyone and special shoebox gifts to the kids the came regularly throughout the year.



The preadolescents performing their Christmas drama

We closed out the ministry year with a special Christmas drama put on by El Camino church. They performed the drama twice in the main church & served our community by performing it a third time in Ciudad de Dios. We thank for Lord for a great turnout. There were about 150 people in total. They did a fantastic job of presenting the real significance of Christmas and glorifying our Savior.

We will begin ministry again on Sundays in a few weeks and, for the first time, we plan to have activities two times during the week for the children in the community until school starts again in March. Beginning in March, we hope to begin a ministry of visitation. We will begin by visiting the homes of the kids that we see each week in hopes to get to know their parents and invite them to church as well. Please pray for these advances and most of all that we will listen for and be obedient to the Lord's leading.

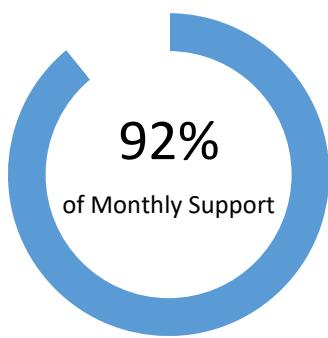
## Year-end support update

Since it is the end of the year, we felt that we should share an update about our finances. The Lord has truly sustained us this year financially and our support level has remained steady at about 91%- 92% of our monthly need. We consider it a huge blessing that we have never had to feel the stress and burden of lacking financial support. Saying that, there is still a need. We would love to see our support level rise up to the 100% level that our mission desires. You can see the detailed numbers below.

Next, we want to thank all of you who have walked in obedience to the Lord and given so generously so that we can be here, doing the Lord's work. Simply put, if not for all of you, we would not be here. You are an essential part of our team and an essential part of what God is doing in this corner of the world. Every day, we thank God for you.

Please pray that God would provide for these needs. Financial stewardship is critical and we will always do our best to be wise and strategic with the funds that we steward.

**Monthly need for 100% support: \$475/mo.**



A view from just outside our church property. We pray that the Lord uses this property to transform lives!

## Construction Fund

We have been blessed to see so much progress in the use of our property this year due to the completion of the first stage of construction. We have a useable indoor and outdoor space that we can use both for our meetings throughout the week as well as for special events. Unfortunately, the funds designated for this project have been depleted. If the Lord provides, we would love to move on to the second stage of the project, which would include improving the security of the property, replacing old and worn-out appliances, tiling the floors, painting walls and attaching a real roof (not just the shade that is currently being used). If the Lord leads you to give to this project, there is a special fund that we have created to designate funds for it. You search for it on TEAM's giving site or attach a note designating the gift to the Ciudad de Dios construction fund. Thank you!

## Prayer Requests:

- Summer program & activities in Ciudad de Dios.
- For volunteers during the summer programs.
- Wisdom in raising our children and training them up in the love of the Lord.
- Safety in travels during January for Jason and Sarah as well as for Sarah's parents as they care for the kids during the pastoral retreat in Lima.

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Our teammate Kike with of the boys



The pastoral team from El Camino church



Nathan & friends during small group.



Jason sharing the Biblical truth about Christmas



A girls small group working on a project

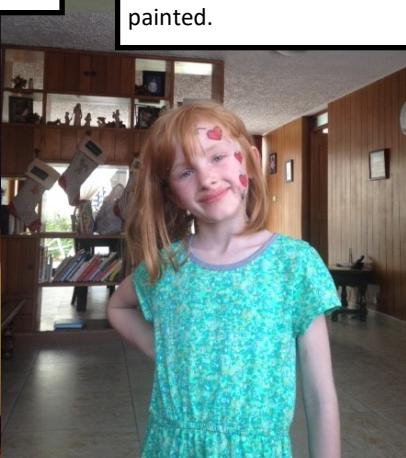


Our Wednesday night kids playing games on the new patio

Evelyn attended a local friend's birthday party and came back with her face painted.



Andrew showing off a birthday present



Posing with a HUGE Santa in the mall

