



PIZZA MAKING, PAUL'S JOURNEYS, BRICKLAYING, HEALTH TOPICS, AND JUNGLE RATS!

What do all of the above topics have in common? They were all a part of our missionary duties this past month. We never expected that life would be boring, but the variety that Peru provides is at times unbelievable!

Our trip to Tacna was very fruitful. The church is so very young. Even those who are over 30 in age are new to the gospel and have so many great questions. The Seminary classes are very much appreciated. It was thrilling to discuss the struggles of the early church with people who are experiencing similar struggles. May God give us strength and wisdom to keep up with those who are anxious to study.

One night the ladies had asked Pat to give a Pizza demonstration. How hard could that be? We made pizza and cookies in a home without water or baking pans. There was an oven! To watch 9 ladies rushing around asking a thousand questions like first graders was a very hilarious experience. While the pizza baked we discussed health and spiritual wellness. Pizza may not be on the top 10 list of health foods, but it sure opened the door to get the real message across.

Our second trip took us back to the mountainous area of Tarma and then into the jungle area of LaMerced. We joined a 10 member team from Spring Arbor Michigan as they returned to the second phase of a brick building project at Yanamayo. This church is on a steep mountainside where the people are farmers. They raise flowers, carrots, lettuce, corn, and trout (among other cash crops). It was a joy getting to know the families better. We worked together, played together, and praised God together. Despite the rainy weather and the heavy clay mud, we saw an abundance of smiles from both the Peruvians as well as the North Americans. We thank the Lord for safety and wonderful relationship building.

The jungle rat? Oh yes, it was found on the menu in the jungle restaurant. Some brave team members tried it. We stayed with our usual, fish and chicken. The birds, butterflies, and seemingly hundreds of magnificent waterfalls made the trip unbelievably beautiful!





Ladies and children at Yanamayo enjoying crafts by Nel Clevenger.



Sharing their flowers with the team.



Tacna Seminary students with their Director.



Spring Arbor FMC VISA group on jungle outing.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) Needed funds for a strategic church plant in Lima where nearly half of Peru lives.
- 2) Continued direction as we try to help the two existing churches of Lima.
- 3) Guidance as we plan for the Community Health Evangelism training seminar in Lima during the month of May.
- 4) Needed funds for Peru Country Shares supporting the Seminary and National Director Pastor Miguel's ministries as well as rental of various church facilities.

Thank you Lord for...

- 1) Safety in travels despite the many mud slides and washed out roads.
- 2) Teams willing to come to Peru to bring the Good News via their testimonies.
- 3) New friendships made during the activities of the past month.
- 4) Your continued blessings on our family.