



Cruising with the Cruces May 2009 Newsletter

GOOOOALL!!!

Sitting at a little Peruvian chicken place sipping on hot tea, suddenly all conversation stopped. The only sound was the very loud, long, drawn out word- **GOAL**. It was being shouted by the announcer at a particularly popular soccer match between two Peruvian teams. I believe that this scene would be the same in any Latin American country. Soccer is so important that practically all life stops while the teams are cheered on. It is very exciting, emotional, and high energy. Any person can join in. The announcers make it very obvious as to when you are supposed to cheer.

We were in the mountains of Huancayo on a cool Sunday afternoon. The morning had



been spent with children at Sunday School. After the story of Jesus healing the paralytic who was lowered through the

roof, we had a dental hygiene lesson. The kids all received a tooth brush and we rushed off to the central park to meet strangers and evangelize. Eight people received Christ as their Savior during less than two hours of witnessing by twos.

As we heard "**Gooaaall!**" once again over the TV at the restaurant we began to imagine all of the angels in heaven shouting and praising over one sinner who was found by the shepherd. Can you imagine the shouts over eight converts? Far noisier than a soccer game I am sure!

God's Assignment

Were you ever in a situation where you knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that God had placed you there? We recently experienced such a miracle on our return trip from visiting two new tiny congregations in remote jungle areas of Peru.

We had just crossed the high peaks of the Andes mountains for the third time in one week. We were exhausted, anxious to get home and a bit nauseous from sitting in the very back row of the bus as it whipped around hairpin curves descending at break neck speed towards Lima. We had boarded the bus after everyone else, therefore we were not sitting together. Garry asked his seat partner a simple question about the final bus stop and thus began a detailed conversation, or a "God assignment".

Over an hour later this mining engineer, who teaches environmental conservation, was praying to receive Christ as his Savior! Sitting across the aisle, praying like crazy, I still could hardly believe the miracle that was unfolding before my eyes. When a person is ready, God places an opportunity in their path. Have you had any God assignments lately? We pray for them to occur frequently.



Street evangelism in Huancayo. Go team!

Praise Notes

Safe travel as we have visited many areas, traveled over many mountains and crossed many rivers.

New converts to faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ.

The openness that we sense in the people of Peru to hear the gospel message.

Pat's Mom Alice Craven is recovering quickly after a slight stroke during the first week of May.

Prayer Requests

May 18 - 23 We will be helping to host and organize an interdenominational Health and Evangelism conference.

June 4 - 7 The annual Women's Congress in Tarma. Pat will give a Health Seminar.

June 11 Travel to the USA for a combination vacation and Partnership building.
(See more details at left)

Schedule while we are in the USA

- June 11 Leave Lima Peru for Chicago.
- June 12 - 14 Quality time with our 3 kids.
- June 15 - 17 Hastings, MI (family and dental visit)
- June 18 - 21 Wabash Conference in Indiana and Partnership building.
- June 28 Williamston, Michigan Free Methodist
- July 4 Cruce family reunion.
- July 5 Davison Michigan Free Methodist
- July 10 - 12 North Michigan Conference and Camp Meeting in Manton, Michigan.
- July 15 Return to Lima, Peru from Chicago.

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JR Cruce co-missionary teaching the folks at Tingo Maria how to improve their guinea pig production. This is where the people were growing nothing but coca plants for cocaine.



We had so much fun getting to know kids of the jungle areas of Peru. We were in Pichinaki and Tingo Maria. Two different unique areas of Peru.