

We are always grateful that we can share news with you of our ministry in Peru and some family highlights! Since our last update letter the Lord has provided an excellent house for us to rent just minutes from the girls school. Grace and Faith attend La Molina Christian Schools and Hope will join them next year. We have been blessed with excellent neighbors, a missionary family of six with kids our girls' ages! Now that we have a back yard even Anna, our Golden Retriever, has joined us from our mission campsite in the jungle, where she had had been sent to live!

My Mom had a stroke in early June. The past few months have been very long and emotional for the family. She has responded gradually to therapy and, more importantly, has placed her life in God's hands, which I feared she had put off for too long. Please pray for her as she faces her second surgery in a couple of weeks.

Billy has been out and about since early April. The girls and I are always happy to hear him arriving after a trip. God is good and he has protected Billy, keeping him healthy and on the move, despite chronic back pain and 3 recent hernias in his neck! As you know Billy organizes the international aspects of Scripture Union Peru. Like with most jobs, we face timelines and demands, but the rewards of seeing a smile and a changed life far outweighs the time and effort invested. Moments spent reaching young forgotten lives in the name of Jesus are moments invested in eternity.

Billy seems happier to me than ever before. God has opened Peru's borders with Ecuador, Bolivia, Brazil and Colombia and, in each of these places, we have been asked to model the teaching of Christian values through our Schools Ministry. Earlier this year we inaugurated a Boys' home in Cuzco and Billy has been traveling to Ayacucho, Piura and Puno where we hope to purchase land and build new homes. Lord willing, we will open a home every year between now and 2015. Each will house 40 abandoned boys who have been found on the streets or picked up by police and sent to us. Please continue to pray for their precious lives.

I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free -
Michelangelo

Don't forget that you or someone you know can be a part of a work team next year. Dates, logistics and even finances can be dealt with easily if God's wants you here. Peru is divided into the dry desert coast, the high Andes mountains and the deep Amazon jungle and we can get you around to all or most of these places and involve you in significant one-on-one ministry with the boys. The construction work you are a part of will remain behind as testimony to the part of your heart you leave with us. I should include a disclaimer that the great majority of people who visit tend to return! There is just something irreplaceable about sharing in the transforming power of God's love.

Thank you for your steadfast love over the miles and over the years.

For Billy and the girls,

Yashmin

