

Lacoursiere Link







Greetings to our praying friends & family in Christ! How are you doing?

While at our home church in **Sunday School** in Canada last year, the opening question **our Adult class** was often, "Where did you find God this week?". It was always interesting to hear from others, and also share and think how God participates in our lives! And how He invites us to partake of His life! It is awesome to see Him working in and through us ...and others!

Last year in Canada from Aug. 1st to Oct. 16th in Canada, we were able to see many friends and make so **many special memories!**

Other highlights for us in Canada were spending time, though short, with our kids & grandkids. We had a camping trip with our entire family, days after our arrival. And then we were able to visit them all again in their respective homes! A tea party, and selling cookies, and time at the Y in Winnipeg with our 3 oldest! Shopping & walks to the library with Madi in Edmonton. Just being in their lives for a short time was such a special treat!

And it was an exceptional honor to see and hold Willow on the day of her birth, our fifth grandchild, born to Ashley & (our son) Josh!

Then, mid October, we returned to Peru and quickly got back into things, and soon after, the Christmas planning and activities began.

Now we would like to share just some of the things where we've seen God in & through our lives:

- Passports forgotten, but received just in the nick of time to visit kids and grandkids in Winnipeg. Thanks Kari, and Melissa!
- Early one Sunday evening, church had just finished in José Olaya, when Ruth saw a police car chasing a vehicle down the somewhat narrow, quiet side street by our church. Ruth screamed and one little girl, going home from Sunday School, moved out of the way just in time!

- Sharing so many faith stories with Gabi! Our good friend in Christ, from Venezuela, for months stuck in Peru, while her husband, Eliel, is in Santiago, Chile, because of paperwork she needed to do here! And now she is in



Venezuela, waiting for an appointment with the Chilean embassy there. Please pray with us that they may soon be reunited!

- Visiting friends down on the coast... In November we went to visit Carlos and Maruja, good friends for years! Carlos, the husband, had been sick with cancer. During that visit, **Dennis asked him** if he had ever given his life to **Christ**. He guietly said he never had, so Dennis talked further with him, and Carlos prayed to receive Christ. A couple of weeks ago, (February) we had a phone call from Maruja, letting us know that Carlos had passed away. The next day we travelled to Mollendo on the coast, to be at the wake in their house, and then proceed over to the cemetery. Dennis had been asked to officiate the service. As he shared, he gave Maruja Psalm 116:15 - "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints". He also shared from 1 John 5:11-12 and 2 **Corinthians 5:8** - Carlos is **absent** from his body. and present forever with our Lord!
- People we continue to connect with in special events like our yearly Second Hand Sale & Summer Kids Club, as well as regular activities such as individual & group Discipleships, Seniors group, and one-on-one opportunities.

- Seeing baby Tobias Jacobo here, healthy, with his family, growing and responding! And his family overflowing with thankfulness! He was born to pastor Pedro and Chichi's daughter, and didn't breathe for around four minutes. He had other



complications as well in the first weeks of his life. **But the Lord answered international prayer!**

- Ruth also spent a few weeks in Canada from December to January. She arrived hours before on Christmas Day, when Leilani, (she's our 6th grandchild!) was born to (our daughter) Becky & Kyle! We are thankful that all are healthy!
- -I (Ruth) have been spoiled this past year. In October, before coming back to Peru, we drove through snow. And the colors were just awesome as the autumn yellow leaves had not finished falling yet. And now, in Arequipa, we are grateful for the blessing of rain (typically our



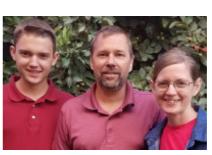
summer weather). The brown hills haved turned green and, so far, the rain hasn't caused too much damage! Flash floods often are an issue here!

In our second church, in José Olaya, we had a record crowd for Christmas! Over 80 people came out for the special occasion! But our regular church attendance has also grown! Especially in the number of adults and young people attending on Sundays!

Our leaders group for José Olaya has also grown! We are now 9 people in leadership!

Five foreigners and 4 Peruvians... but all one in Christ! We grow & sometimes groan with the changes & decisions that we need to make, but I (Dennis) am excited how the team works together, and works out issues when needed!

Stan & Ruth Schrock, with their youngest son **Denver**, came to **Arequipa** early last year to



learn Spanish.
And they rented above us.
Months later, before we went to Canada, I (Dennis) heard that they were not going back to the jungle. Days

later, I had 3 thoughts come in to my mind, in quick succession. Minutes later, I was upstairs talking with Stan, and asking if they might consider staying in Arequipa & working with us. Stan then confided that just the week before, they had been praying for direction as a family, and Stan had told his wife and son that it would be real hard to say no if Dennis asked him to stay! Around two months later, they made the final decision to stay and work here with us! Stan & Ruth are the last 2 members to join José Olaya leadership, and Denver is involved in Worship and Youth in both churches.

How is our God working through you and your church? *His presence and guidance is so important in our lives!*

Thank you for supporting our ministry here in Arequipa through prayer & financial support!

Bye for now!

With love, In Christ,

Dennis & Ruth

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