

# Missionaries to Perú

One of our Lord's beloved and finest of soldiers has finished her race. She fought the good fight, kept the faith, and is now with our "very great reward."

My mother, Ruth Dea (Marshall) Gutierrez, was given the task to be a missionary of the Gospel of Grace to the people of Huanta, Peru. As a missionary kid, she served alongside her parents, and then she returned to serve a life-long term, seeing her own children return as missionaries and her grandchildren following her same path. We praise God for the legacy she left us; we praise God for how He used her to bring the lost of Peru to Christ – rich and poor.

My daughter Gabriella sits on my lap and son Jeremiah plays at my feet, as I sit here writing and thinking of how they will share in our duties as Christ's ambassadors to the people of Peru as I did under my mom and dad. I think of my wife, and how all her family, her friends, all that she knows and loves, will soon be left behind for the sake of the gospel of Jesus. We have been called to life-long missions as a family, through my mom and dad's work, and we count it a tremendous honor and privilege.

It wasn't even two weeks ago that we were laughing with my beautiful mother, and it was only a couple weeks ago when she told me that she wanted so badly to be healed so she could keep on working in Peru. "There is just so much more work to be done," she said with tears in her eyes and a smile on her face.

Throughout this past year, there were many times we questioned God's timing with our support-raising; we

wondered why that final amount wasn't coming in. Today, we are thankful for God's abundant kindness in keeping us here, to be able to care for my mother throughout this past year, and to be with her for her final second of life on earth.

Thank you, brothers and sisters. Thank you for your faithfulness towards us with your prayers, cards, letters and financial support. Thank you for your patience with us. My mother's passion for the people of Peru is also our passion, and now we have a renewed sense of urgency and commitment to continue the work that she (and we) so long for – as soon as possible.

Please pray for us as we make our final push next week (more details coming later). We would like to depart on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March!

With hope in Jesus,

Nathaniel & Alicia Gutierrez

Read Alicia's perspective here:  
[thegutierrezgang.com/ablog/2012/03/february/](http://thegutierrezgang.com/ablog/2012/03/february/)

*2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."*

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## prayer section

1. Please pray for my family as we go through the depths of sorrow, mixed with the sweet hope we share in Christ.
2. Please pray for our upcoming communications for our final fundraising push.
3. Please pray for our visas and paper work to go through without a hitch this week.
4. Please pray for a place to live in Colombia (and all the furnishings we will need).
5. Please pray that we might get on the field this month!