



Mid-January Update 2011

"Hopefully none of you in this room will ever have to use this card," the MTW staff told us as he handed us emergency evacuation information cards. Putting it in my wallet for safe keeping, I had no idea that in four short months I'd be pulling it out again, this time to have my mother evacuated out of Huanta.

This past week, high up in the Andes Mountains, my mother broke one of the strongest bones in the human body, the femur bone. Local doctors were unable to detect the fact that the bone in her upper leg was broken in half but thankfully still recommended immediate transport to Peru's capital, Lima.



Commercial planes refused to let her travel because of her medical condition and need for a stretcher. MTW, prepared for situations like this, (hence the training in September) made contact and coordinated with the emergency medical evacuation team. Friday evening a plane was flown out just for my mother and her medical team and she was transported with what seemed like a presidential escort to the best

hospital in Lima! With a titanium rod in her bone and multiple screws holding her bone together, she feels so much better! Here you can watch a video update/phone interview with my mother and father: <http://www.servinginkas.com/videos/>



Anglo Americana Hospital

Radio ministry

This medical emergency comes exactly a week after the start of our radio ministry in Huanta, which reaches thousands of Quechua and Spanish speaking people in the cities and mountains. My father is still running around Lima finding ways to prepare messages and send them to the radio station so that they can be broadcasted fresh every weekday at the lunch and dinner hours, and is getting positive feedback for his efforts. It is so wonderful to consider that all of Huanta is being exposed to the gospel twice a day, five times a week, in Spanish and Quechua, by a radio station that is very popular, and by a man who loves to preach the good news of Jesus Christ!

Unseen needs

Though this letter brings good news and answers to many faithful prayers, you may also be able to sense the underlying stress and overwhelming exhaustion surrounding the present circumstances. The road ahead may be a very long one for my parents, and the difficulties of missionary work keep popping up back home. For example, just today the preacher in charge of "holding down the fort" (church) while my parents are gone seems to be undergoing his own family emergency and has expressed that he may need to move to a different city to help his family! Surely you can imagine how much we long to get on a plane and fly down to Peru right now! Thank you for praying, and please continue to lift up my mother, my father, the radio ministry, the church in Huanta, our preacher Juan and his family, and our support-raising so that we can get down to Huanta as soon as possible.

Thank you so much,

Nathaniel & Alicia (also for Gerry & Ruthie)

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