

July-August, 2011 Missionaries to Perú



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Go home and rest!

A few weeks ago, in a New York City Subway, a woman took a peek at our little baby and asked, "how old is she?" Smiling I replied, "6 weeks."

The woman looking shocked exclaimed, "6 weeks! What are you doing out here? Go home and rest!" Little did she know that "home" was over 800 miles away.



Top three reasons missionaries return

For the month of July we were in New York City doing our pre-field training. A few years ago, MTW did a study on why missionaries come off the field early. They discovered that the top three reasons were emotional issues that were never dealt with, conflict with the mission team, and inability to adjust to the culture. The purpose of this intensive month-long training was to address these (and many other) issues to ensure that once we get to the field, we're prepared.



Working with Dominicans

Every day in New York was filled with so much learning. Each couple was assigned to work in a "team" and each team was assigned to a church where we did our ministry internship. Our church was a granddaughter church plant of Redeemer PCA called Uptown Community Church. This church was centered in a very diverse part of Manhattan, and had a special heart for reaching the strong Dominican population. Participating in this ministry internship was very refreshing - especially to Nathaniel who had the opportunity to preach the second Sunday we were there. Leaving our ministry in California was heart-breaking, but being able to taste ministry again gave us the encouragement to press on in support-raising.

Learning to always be learning

During the class times we were taught by MTW staff and other guest lecturers. Some of the topics included: addressing culture shock, ministering in a new culture, stress and emotional issues on the field, raising children overseas, language learning, church planting, and team conflict. We boarded the plane for New York not really sure why we needed to come, and we boarded the plane for back home convinced that this month was crucial for our future ministry. We have so many more tools for Peru now, and we are so encouraged to get to the field as quickly as possible.



Alicia presenting our final project

We can almost smell the Andes!

While in New York, we also learned that our support is now over 80%, which is above and beyond that answer to prayer that we would be at 75% when we got to New York! We are so excited that we have little left to raise and are praying that the money comes in quickly and that we can get all of our other necessary tasks done before the end of the year. Our goal is to start language school in Costa Rica in January, which means that we have to have 100% raised by November so we can sign up for the school. Please pray with us that this goal can be met! And please ask around in your churches if there is any way that we can be supported by your church! We are in that final push for funds and eager to do what it takes to get to Peru!



Speaking to Village & Evangelical PCA in New Jersey on July 31st

With thankful hearts,

Nathaniel, Alicia, Jeremiah and Gabriella

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prayer section

1. Thank you for your prayers for us as we prepared for New York. Every day we felt those prayers as we saw God give us grace, keep us safe and healthy, and keep our minds sharp and able to learn.

2. Please pray that we will continue to move forward in our progress for Peru (support, recruiting and other steps).

3. My parents (missionaries to Peru): On 8/16 we learn how the treatments on my mother's cancer are working.

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