

Missionaries to Perú

training in Bogota, Colombia



Blood gas test

The doctor's eyes were wide when we explained what had happened. "People don't normally survive that," she, and many others, told us. People don't normally wake up from having their gas stove accidentally left on high all night long. Especially children who sleep right next to the kitchen. And yet, there we were, all four of us breathing normally and our blood work came back clear.

We had a series of strange and difficult events like this one last month. Nathaniel was so sick with a sinus infection that after a week of being in bed, he finally had to go to the ER. Things in our apartment (oven, hot water heater) started to break on holiday weekends when no one could repair them for days. When I was coming home from school one day, I was followed and robbed at knifepoint and have struggled with fear ever since. Nathaniel tried to buy a car and it turned out to be a lemon. And then we had the gas incident. But, even though June was a very tough month, we could also see, as the doctor put it, that "people don't normally survive that," and yet here we are, stronger than ever in our faith, in our call to missions, in our confidence that God has us firmly in his hands, even when we are struggling. We knew the mission field would be



In Peru!

challenging, but we didn't realize that this also put us in such a wonderful position to be consistently prayed for. We may have been "under attack," but we had an army of warriors behind us and our God protecting us.

July, so far, has been much better! We spent the first 10 days in Peru, visiting Huanta and participating in a special

memorial service for Nathaniel's mom. Every time we return to Huanta our call to serve there is strengthened. This time especially, Nathaniel was able to really plan for how to begin our new ministry there - hopefully starting early 2013.

Since being back "home" in Bogota, I have continued with my language school (which is going really well!), and Nathaniel has delved right back into ministry, most recently preaching on the crowded and intimidating bus system -the *Trans Millenial*. In the 4 hours he and a Colombian brother (Juan Pablo) spent preaching on 18 buses, they



TransMillenial Bus

estimate that over 1,000 people heard them, and over 175 people actually asked for one of their flyers. Nathaniel came home full of stories and excitement. He has also been working closely with the church here - teaching theology, helping with VBS, worship, and evangelism. The leadership program that he is in is also going very well as he is able to meet several times a week with his



Gabriella's 1st trip to Huanta

mentor, pray almost every day with the team, and spend time with the team leader here. We are both



Nathaniel leading at church

gaining invaluable experience and training during our time here in Bogota. Some of it can be difficult, but we know that even the trials will be used to minister to us and to others.

Your prayers and support make this happen. Thank you for your ministry to the people of Colombia, to the people of Peru and to us.



Alicia & Gabriella

Together for the Kingdom, Nathaniel and Alicia Gutierrez

prayer section

1. Praise God for His protection over us as a family. 2. Pray for Alicia as she learns Spanish and as she continues to recover from being assaulted. 3. Please pray for all the missionaries who are trying to get down here to serve, and pray for missionaries to serve with us in Peru! 4. Please pray for our teammates in Bogota (Bolings, Boxes and Parsons) as some are also going through very tough times! 5. Please pray for safety, and that we will be able to find a good car that can be easily resold when we leave!

Donations: Account # 012762 (in memo) MTW Donations: PO Box 116284, Atlanta, GA 30368-6284