

# Davenport Family

## E-NEWSLETTER

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*Blessed are the meek,  
For they shall inherit the earth.*

— Matthew 5:5

***Dear Friends and Family,***

Greetings in Christ from Peru!

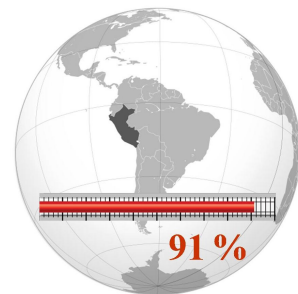
Our first few months here in Peru have flown by so quickly. We have been enjoying our new life in Arequipa and are spending our days studying Spanish and learning about life in South America. We have been greatly encouraged by the many reports of your prayers for us. God's gracious hand has been evident all around us from the beginning. Our short time here has confirmed all the more our need and Peru's need for your prayerful support for the Kingdom of Christ to come on earth (in all the earth) as it is in heaven. Thank you for your warm support, and we ask that you please continue to remember us and this nation in your prayers to the Father.

### **Language School**

As you recall, we are in Arequipa for a few months attending the ABC Español Language Institute. We are about halfway through our time here. The teachers at *El Instituto* are a lovely collection of Christian brothers and sisters, home-grown here in Arequipa. They participate in the Great Commission by serving the stream of foreign missionaries coming into Peru. They are devout, joyful, patient and lighthearted, as well as very intelligent and gifted at languages—a delight to work with and learn from.

Julie and I each have two classes per day for a total of 4 hours each day. We begin at 8:30 AM with *Práctica*, which is intensive, one-on-one practice with our tutors. Julie's tutor, Ana Lu Cornejo, is a young, single lady who spent several years in grad school at Wheaton. Her father, "Pastor Pedro" (as our kids affectionately call him), began the institute 25-30 years ago, and continues to be *el jefe*, as well as the pastor of the local church. My tutor, Edgar Quispe, is a family man of about 40. He is a trained biologist, but has worked at ABC Español for the last eight years. He is full of comic relief and jokes during class, and is trying to inculcate his desire for *cooking* Peruvian food into me—which is an even harder task than teaching me

### **Support Level**



- Churches: 23
- Individuals: 76

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### **Images of Peru**



Spanish! Don't get me wrong... I love *eating* Peruvian food. I'm just not too handy with pots and pans, ovens and burners.



"Pastor Pedro" & Ana Lu



Enjoying a break at school w/ some Brits!



Edgar (Scott's tutor)

*Gramática* is our second daily class, and Julie and I have it together with another couple (from Germany). Our teacher, Karen Linares (aka, "Tia Karen"), is a lively mother of two girls, and she has been teaching Spanish to *gringos* for almost 20 years. She is fluent in English and German, and is often flipping effortlessly between the three during class. Karen is also our neighbor and has become a good friend of Julie's. Both Karen's daughters attend the Rey de Reyes school with our kids and are good friends of our oldest four. We enjoy Karen's energy, humor and skill in the classroom and the friendship of her family beyond it.

Another source of great encouragement at the language school is the assortment of missionaries who come through the school from all over the globe. Norwegians, Australians, Swiss, Germans, English, Americans, and Irish are all currently represented. We have made some wonderful friendships and have been greatly gladdened to become acquainted with these earnest, zealous Christians. It is especially encouraging to see those from Europe, of which we hear so much about spiritual dryness.



Enjoying a Lord's Day afternoon with language school friends from Germany and Switzerland!



### **Some Recent Highlights**

In addition to language school, two highlights from our recent months have been the week we spent with the Matthews OPC short-term team and the month that Annie Skogen lived with our family. During the last week in June, 15 members of our home church came to Trujillo for a week to hold medical clinics and do construction work. We were able to travel north and spend the week with them in Trujillo. It was a wonderfully refreshing time to see our dear friends from Charlotte and serve with them. It also provided an opportunity to be back with our Peru Mission team and be encouraged all over again about our coming work there with them.

Julie returned to the US briefly in early July to attend the weddings of both her sister and brother in Maryland. It was a joy to be able to celebrate with family, and see so many dear family and friends in one place. When she returned, she brought back to Arequipa with her a dear, young friend of the family, Annie Skogen! Annie stayed with us about a month and was a blessing to us in numerous ways. She helped around the house and with the children, and we all loved having her here. She returned to the US at the beginning of August to start her college studies, but we pray that she will return to Peru again soon!

### **Rey de Reyes – Our Kids “Language School”**

While we are in school at ABC Español everyday, all six of the children are attending a Peruvian evangelical day school called *Rey de Reyes* (Spanish for King of Kings). They have been extremely kind to us and to our children, and made them feel welcome as they join classes and learn Spanish! The school’s vision for the kingdom of God here in Peru is most heartening. They strive to train future Christian leaders for this country...including future missionaries. It has been an adjustment for the children to go from homeschooling in English to attending school in Spanish, but they have done well, and enjoy their new friends and teachers. We are excited to see them make great strides forward in understanding and speaking Spanish! The school has held several school-wide celebrations since we have been here: Independence Day, Father’s Day, etc. We have enjoyed taking part, plus these events are fine opportunities to learn more about the people and culture of Peru.

### **Brief Support Update**

We are grateful for the team of supporting churches and individuals who have “come with us by the Spirit” to Peru. Though a few supporters have not been able to meet their commitments, God has blessed us with additional supporters who have become partners with us after we arrived in Peru. Even though, we still lack about \$600/mo. in financial support. Please pray with us that our needs will be met and consider joining with us in regular giving.

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**Prayer items**

- Spanish language acquisition continues to be our #1 prayer need
- Grace and patience as a family as we continue to acclimate to life in Peru
- Opportunities to use our growing language skill to share the Gospel
- New commitments for ongoing financial support

Warmly in Christ,

***Scott & Julie, and family***



*Renewing Peru through  
the power of the Gospel.*

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