

SPECIAL PRAYER NEED – Davenport Family

Dear Friends and Family,

I am writing to make a special request for your prayers for our family. As some of you have heard, we learned earlier this week that our son Seth (who will be five (5) in a month) has juvenile diabetes. Thankfully, he was diagnosed fairly early and didn't need to be hospitalized, as is often the case. Thanks be to God, we have also gotten some basic, preliminary counsel from a local Peruvian pediatrician who specializes in diabetes, as well as much help from our friends here (especially a German pediatrician who is a classmate at the language institute). But as you might guess, this week has been difficult and emotionally challenging.



In addition to the emotional sadness for Seth's condition, the timing of this is particularly difficult for us as it hits amid much transition for our family here at the end of language school. We are in the process of moving from Arequipa to a new city and new home in Trujillo. The timing is also difficult related to our Spanish acquisition. Receiving all the instruction we need in Spanish is not possible for us. We need to be able to quickly and clearly grasp all the new concepts and vocabulary related to caring for Seth.

Because of the steep learning curve and the significant changes for our family that will come with having a diabetic child (monitoring diet and blood sugar, and giving several insulin shots each day), we have made plans for Julie and Seth to return to the US for two weeks. They should arrive in Charlotte this coming Saturday, Dec. 17th. This will allow Julie to receive extensive training *in English* on how to manage all the multifaceted aspects of caring for a diabetic child. We are most grateful to dear friends in Charlotte who have offered for Julie and Seth to stay with them, even during Christmas, while she gets trained. It is even more of a blessing as this friend is a pediatrician and can further counsel Julie in their home.

I hesitate to mention the financial aspect of this---so many of you are already giving so generously toward our support---but it is part of our prayer need. We don't know, yet, how much the medical supplies and doctor visits will add to our monthly budget, but it certainly will. And Julie and Seth's trip to the USA will cost several thousand dollars, for which we clearly hadn't planned. These extra expenses do threaten our financial stability and could cause me to need to return to the US prematurely to raise additional support. Please consider helping us to prevent that by including us in your year-end giving or by becoming a monthly or annual partner. Thank you!

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Prayer requests:

- That we would quickly learn how to manage Seth's diet, blood sugar, and insulin.
- Encouragement and strength for Seth as he learns to live without being able to eat freely like his siblings and friends. And wisdom for Julie and I as we parent him in this, especially here in Peru where they eat even more sweets than we do in the States.
- A very productive two weeks for Julie and Seth in the USA. That Julie would be able to absorb a great amount of information during a relatively short time.
- That we would find a knowledgeable doctor in Trujillo.

- Joy and contentment for us all as we are apart during the Christmas holiday.
- That the Lord would use Seth's diabetes to makes us more united, sacrificially giving to each other, and prepared as a family to minister in Christ's name here in Peru.

Thank you for bearing this burden with us in prayer to our mighty and loving Lord. *"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth"* (Ps 34:1).

Leaning on Jesus,

Scott & Julie, and family



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the power of the Gospel.