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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE HETTINGA FAMILY IN CUSCO, PERU. MAY 2005

a local literacy class helps downtrodden women gain self-respect



Justin helps a group of women in a local literacy class read through a booklet on a Biblical response to family violence, a major social issue in Quechua communities.

"The students now come to class well-dressed and clean." That was Alvino's response to our question, "What change do you see in the students as a result of the literacy class?"

At first I thought this to be a little strange. I decided to look into the root of this change. What I found was that these students, mostly women, had always been looked down upon in society because they could not read.

I believe that their learning to read has lifted their self-esteem and self-respect and is reflected in the way they care for themselves and their families.

Not only is literacy giving them an opportunity to read God's Word, it is also impacting their day-to-day lives.

*"Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"
Jeremiah 23:29 NIV*

why are we here in Peru?

We are here to **BUILD CAPACITY** into the Quechuas of southern Peru, until the year 2010, in **LIFE-CHANGING** and **SUSTAINABLE** use of the **QUECHUA SCRIPTURES.**





I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33 NIV

o v e r c o m i n g o d d s *pachamachay*

Until recently there were no literate woman in the Pachamachay area and only a couple of men could read. The community is at 15,000 feet above sea level and is a solid seven hour hike from the nearest road, which also happens to be in the middle of nowhere. But Bernardino (shown here teaching) wanted to help his community, so he came to a literacy training course last year. He returned to his community to teach a literacy class. The group has had struggles but they are a group of men and women that are used to confronting overwhelming difficulties. They are making incredible progress in the midst of incredible odds. It's so exciting for us to hear how well they are reading and writing.

These people are constantly faced with very high infant mortality rate, malnutrition (over 90% of their diet is potatoes), and virtually no access to education for their children. But here they are overcoming obstacles and learning to read. As they become literate they are gaining the tools they need to not only read the Word of God, but to also confront many of their problems.



Alvino, a literacy facilitator from Huancarani, helps his son read Quechua.

l e a r n i n g t h a t L A S T S *dialogue education*

Another major task I, Justin, have undertaken is leading the development of the "Learning that LASTS" program for the Peru branch. The program offers a week-long workshop that equips trainers with the tools and confidence to effectively train adults. It has been exciting to see recent Quechua trainees begin to

teach and lead workshops in a way that takes into account the way adults learn. This program has helped our literacy supervisors develop training workshops, and others to develop powerful marriage enrichment workshops.

In February I went to Dallas to receive further training in this field.

...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

G o d i s o n t h e m o v e *huancarani*

On the last Saturday of each month hundreds of Quechua believers from the district of Huancarani (about 1 1/2 hours from Cusco) come together for a day of fasting and prayer. They meet amongst the rocks in a mountain pass at 14,000

feet above sea level. I used to wonder why the church was growing so much in that area and why there was so much hunger for God's Word. There is no longer any doubt in my mind. God is on the move among these people.

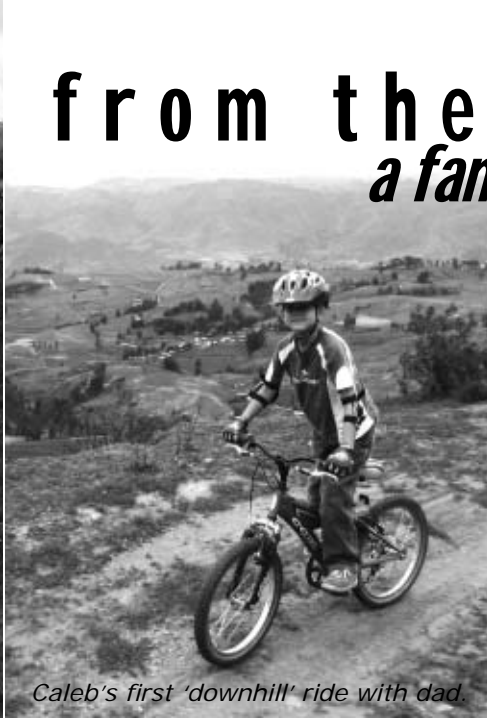


tales from the wheel world

a family update from Tammy



Jesse's first mountain bike ride.



Caleb's first 'downhill' ride with dad.



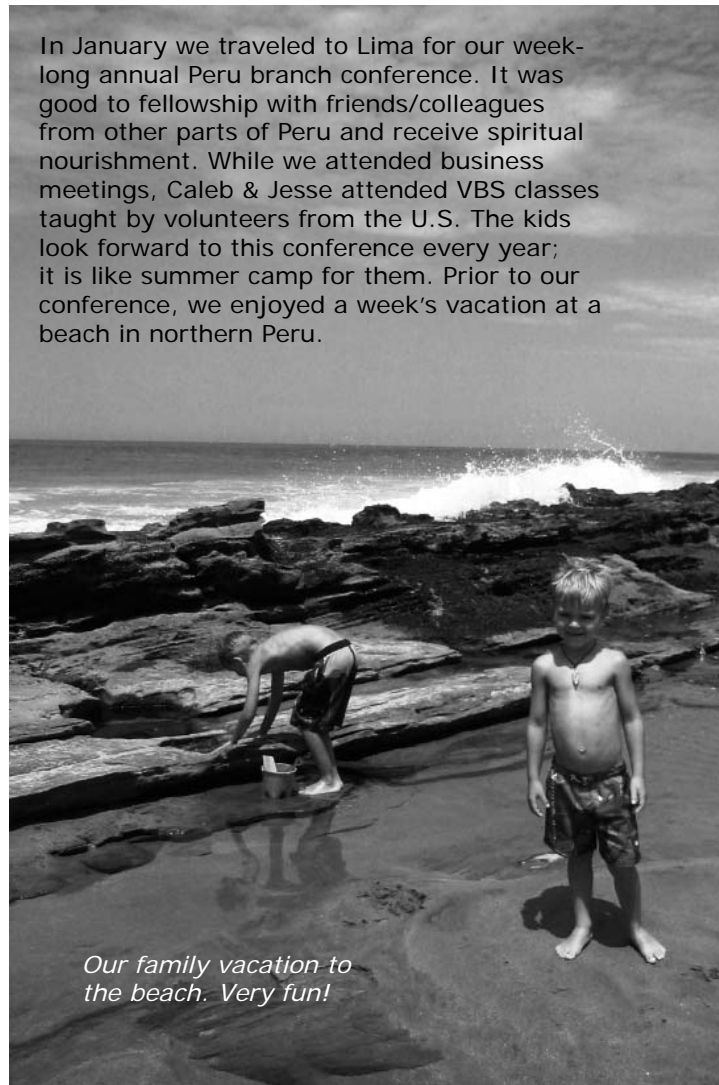
I enjoy homeschooling Caleb (grade 1) & Jesse (kindergarten) every morning. What fun to snuggle up on the couch together and read, as well as be able to watch their excitement and progress as they learn. Karen Lange, teammate/neighbor, has been teaching Caleb piano this year, as well as a music class to our children and other missionary kids. The highlight of Caleb and Jesse's week is their Saturday soccer club.

One of the highlights of my week is the missionary women's Bible study, which I host at my house. Lately we have been studying a book called "Breaking Free: Making Liberty in Christ a Reality in Life," by Beth Moore, about the benefits of our relationship with God and how to remove obstacles that hinder that relationship. I have really enjoyed this study and have benefited from it. What a privilege it is to meet with these dear women every week as we learn together and encourage each other.



Justin is always 'launching' into new activities, like this international downhill bike race (MegaAvalanche.com) which was held in January, near Cusco.

We are excited about making a 4-day trip to the jungle (7 hour drive from Cusco) in June, along with my parents and Carletta (teammate). It will be a nice change of environment and climate, since we are now heading into the winter season.



Our family vacation to the beach. Very fun!

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

graduate studies non-profit organization leadership

In July I will be in the Fraser Valley, BC to attend classes at Trinity Western University. I am quite excited to be starting a Master of Arts in Leadership. I will be specializing in 'international non-profit organization leadership'. Most of the classes will be done online over the next 2 years, but I will need to attend classes on campus for 4 weeks this summer, 4 weeks next summer

(2006), and 2 weeks the following summer. Next summer it will coincide with our summer "home leave", but this summer it will be difficult to be away from the family for 5 weeks, including traveling time.

If you would like to help out with the cost of the program or can loan me a car for the month of July, please contact me. Thanks.

praise n' prayer now it's your turn

We would like to thank God for several things. We would also like to thank YOU for standing behind us with your financial support and prayers. Your prayers are our lifeline. *Please join with us in the following prayers.*

1. Thank you, Father, for the tremendous growth of the literacy program. *We ask You to encourage and support the many Quechuas who are attending a literacy class and learning to read for the very first time.*
2. We lift up before You the six literacy supervisors and trainers. *Empower them to be effective trainers and sensitive supervisors.*
3. We thank You for the many opportunities you have given us to train and mentor leaders and trainers. *Please watch over us as we travel and lead us each day by your Holy Spirit.*



4. Thank you for the many faithful prayer and financial supporters that have taken up this crucial role on the team. *We trust You to provide for all of our needs, including the MA program.*

meet our south peru team



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