

Pioneers in Peru

Mark, Sandi, Annalise and Erik Eisold Serving the Lord in Peru

May 2014

Colegio NOE

The Lord continues to amaze us here in this wonderful place called Lima, Peru. We are preparing to begin official work with a school who came to us last September seeking Lutheran materials for their religion classes and a Pastor to start worship services in their courtvard. The school is in the desert Andean foothills outside of Lima, due east about 2 hours by car. Colegio 'NOE' is a private school specializing in mercy, and offers education & breakfast to all children - regardless of their ability to pay. In this mountainside province of Ricardo Palma, about 33% of the students cannot pay the \$20 monthly tuition. 80% come from broken and abusive homes.

We immediately shared our extra Bibles, song books, and weekly sermons for use in their Tuesday chapel services. Yet, with 120 students, we needed more, and we lacked the people and the materials to fully provide for all of the desires at that time. In February, the Lord provided us with 700 new Bibles from the *Lutheran Heritage Foundation*.

These Bibles came in the translation of Reina Valera Contemporanea and with Luther's Small Catechism – and completely FREE! We immediately delivered 170 Bibles to the school and presented them during a chapel service soon after school began in March.



Mark during a school chapel service

After much prayer, research & discussion with our Regional Office, we are moving forward to begin a formal working relationship with the Colegio 'NOE'. This includes starting a new church; preparing a pastor; providing Christian educational materials; assisting in teaching at the school; assisting with work projects to improve the school & to help it grow and be financially self-sustaining. We are currently



Ron Bostick of the Southeastern District presents Job with over 30 quilts to share with the community.





The presentation of 170 Bibles to the school

working with the former director, Job, to become an ordained Lutheran Pastor. Job, who is currently the president of the school association, is also active in our San Borja church along with his wife Priska and their son Gabriel. The school's owner, director, and the association have already approved for us to hold weekly worship services in the large, enclosed courtyard of the school. They can't wait to begin, and neither can we!



Here are some of the children with their new quilts. One child was so excited that she told a teacher that "now I can sleep all night". She said this because, even though it is warm during the day, it is so cold out there at night that it is hard to keep warm all night.



Mark with Job and Priska on the day when they became members of our church



A view of the school's patio



A classroom at Colegio NOE



Sweet swim mom friends surprised Sandi with special birthday treats.

Eisold Family Update

May was yet another month filled with lots of

activities. Annalise and Erik wrapped up their first bimester at their new school. They did great on their exams. Annalise received recognition for being ranked number one in her class. Erik did super too. Mother's Day here in Peru is huge so the children's schools had special Mother's Day programs. The children then had a week off of school for fall break. Annalise had two big school projects to do, so she spent a couple of those days working with her groups. They both had big swim meets throughout the month. Annalise took part in a pentathlon and she finished with the third best overall time. She is on such a strong team that the first and second

Prayer

Requests

* We praise God for the great news that He is sending another missionary to Peru. We look forward to the arrival of Vicar Willie Grills and his wife Angelica in a few months. Pray also for the healthy delivery of their baby, who is due any day.

*Continue to pray for Pastor Joshua and Amanda Gale and their children as they are currently studying Spanish in Guatemala, as well as for Pastor Herb Burch and his wife Markie as they are all transitioning from serving the Lord in the states to Peru.



Praise God for Vicar Willie Grills and his wife Angelica who will be joining the Peru team!!!

place winners were also from her team. Recently, Erik has had a huge desire to improve his times. Over the past three months, he has dropped his time tons in all of his events. With his recent growth spurt and desire to improve, he may start beating his big sis soon.



Annalise goofing around with her friends as they worked on their group project. They had to write a script and design the scenery for a Peruvian history skit.

- * Pray, that in God's timing and way, He would provide even more workers to come to the field in Peru especially EFL teachers and a coordinator for short-term teams.
- * Continue to pray for Anthony, Jamie and Eliana DiLiberto as they transition back to the states and as Anthony starts at the seminary.
- * Pray for Rachel as she begins her support raising as a career missionary in the Dominican Republic.
- * Praise God for the doors that He has opened to be able to minister to so many people and in so many places around Lima.
- * Pray that all of us trust God's mighty hand at work among us above all else.



Erik's relay team- first place in the freestyle and the medley relay races

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Missionary Rachel Powell finished her internship here in Peru at the end of May. We are sad to see her go but we are excited to hear how the Lord uses her in her new position as a Deaconess in the Dominican Republic.