

Dear friends

Greetings from Lima, Peru and from Shalom

Just a quick email to let you know that I am up and about walking quite well again and even going out without my crutches!!!

Had a session in immigrations today and thankfully got my residency renewed without any problems for another year and they did it then and there so I don't have to return which is great as it is such a hassle to get into the centre - there is so much traffic in Lima.

We are busy with 80+ children in therapy and many activities as this month we celebrate our national holidays on 28th so there are parades and outings etc.

We are also getting organised for the Physical therapy campaign with MMI in August 10, 11, 12. I then travel to the UK to attend my godson's wedding on 22nd Aug and visit family and a couple of link churches in the south near home.

I am also writing to ask about the possibility of collecting no longer needed children's orthopaedic foot/leg splints - used to give stability and support.

We always need them to give out as they are very expensive here. The campaign will bring some with them but I thought as I have 2 suitcase allowance I could see if anyone knew anything. Perhaps you may know someone with a child with disabilities who has out grown their splints or someone who works in that area. I attach a couple of pics so you know what they are. They fit inside a shoe to give support and maintain good posture.

The other thing is that last year someone mentioned that they had crutches at home and that the NHS wouldn't take them back. These may be more difficult to transport but again thought it worth the while to ask!!! We can use both underarm crutches and also forearm crutches. Having been the user of crutches I am passionate about getting adequate equipment for those here - we have no NHS!!! And what we do have is very inadequate and poorly resourced.

So..... if you think you might have something do let me know via email or send me a photo or put me in touch with someone and I can try and organise to make use of these resources for those at Shalom and others in our community.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you

Love and prayers

Pat

