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Three Camps, Two Assignments and a Baby!

CMS Mission Partners in Lima, Peru



“The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life” - John 4 v 13-14

Dear Praying Friends,

Hello at last! We do hope you are well and that 2014 will be a year of blessing for you. Well where do we begin with so much to tell...? Let's start with some exciting family news. Sarah is now 15 weeks pregnant (baby due mid-August). We are absolutely thrilled and so grateful to God! We have already seen the baby on scans and he/she seems as busy as his big sister. Unfortunately, the last few weeks have been tough as Sarah was admitted to hospital due to a couple of bleeds. She is now at home resting (unable to lift or run around after our ever active Sophia) and so Grandma has flown over from the UK and taken up residence as live in nanny / maid! Grandma and Sophia are having a ball and Sophia seems to have adjusted well to the change (Mum has waves of frustration from the sofa but knows she is doing the right thing in resting and is encouraged by her ever-increasing waistline and feeling early baby 'flutters').



Sophia enjoying the beach whilst on youth camp!



In Arequipa they eat well! This was part of breakfast on camp there!

Back in Peru from 30th December we were straight back in to camp season! This year's youth camps have been a time for seeing fruit. A common thread has been that for the first time all three of this year's camps were all headed up by local youth leaders themselves, youth-ministry coordinator Lizbeth and Paul in a more supervisory role. It was encouraging to see how Alexandra, from San Patricio mission, Ventanilla, (one of the young people who Paul has

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invested in over several years) took a lead in Lima's 17-25's camp, organising activities and particularly showing in prayer times how her faith is growing. In Arequipa, Victor, youth coordinator for the south, did a great job of organising the camp for that region. As Paul and Lizbeth seek to use more of their energies to encourage the youth outside of Lima, it was great to have 6 young people from far-flung Juliaca taking part in the camp in Arequipa, some of whom they first met when they began to visit new missions five years ago. Three young men from the recently formed mission in Chiclayo in the north of Peru travelled 480 miles to Lima to attend the youth camp. This was particularly encouraging as the diocesan youth ministry has yet to visit the newly established mission there. Another job for this year!



For your prayers:

Please thank God for:

- Sarah's improved health.
- Paul's completed Master's assignments for which he received good marks (just the dissertation left to do).
- Grandma (and Grandad at home fending for himself)!
- The youth camps having gone well.

Please pray:

- That our baby would grow stronger each day and that Sarah's body would be a safe home.
- For our antenatal check up on 4th March. For wisdom for the doctor as he advises us on what Sarah can and can't do.
- For Lily (San Pablo mission) and Teófila (San Juan Evangelista) as they take on extra responsibilities in Sarah's absence.
- For the youth ministry developing regionally and for youth in new missions around the country.



From top: Enjoying the teenagers camp in Lima; Victor with young people in Arequipa; We also got 10 people in that minibus (!); Paul's group on the 17-25's camp in Lima

With love and prayers, Paul, Sarah and Sophia XXx