



**La Ascensión
Nativity Play**

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Hola amigos, Happy New Year! I hope you are all well & had a good time over the festive season. I felt very blessed to be able to join in celebrations with a number of friends (both Peruvians & extranjeros). The La Ascensión nativity play went well. Everyone participated including one very talkative 3yr old who walked onto the stage with masking tape covering his mouth to remind him not to speak (his aunt backstage was responsible for that!). Surco residents go wild decorating their houses with fairy lights – very pretty but as they also all play high-pitched Christmas tunes (the same songs but all competing with each other) - also slightly annoying!



New Year Sunset over Cañete



With Rita at El Sol

I spent a productive fortnight at El Sol language school. During my second week I shared classes with Rita, a nun from Angola. She had just arrived in Lima & in spite of the jet lag showed me so much grace & patience. There were a couple of instances where my experiences from a British perspective, of the conversation topics (internet shopping, the effects of 9/11 etc) were so utterly trivial compared with her own experiences of post- rebel war Angola, yet she was so gracious, sharing her stories with humour & generosity.

There have been some delays starting my new role as part of the new Discipleship Team. We have our first full-team meeting at the end of February so hopefully things will be clearer then & I'm looking forward to getting stuck into a longer-term project. In general, I am struggling somewhat with the Peruvian concept of time and how to manage my own workload & expectations in relation to this. I'm finding re-reading some of my Redcliffe lecture notes on this topic helpful.
All my love, Anna xx



Tropical Lights

Please join me in giving thanks for:

- A really lovely time over Christmas & New Year with a variety of friends.
- Two helpful weeks of intensive Spanish classes at El Sol.
- The special embassy pass enabling me to visit A once a fortnight - valid until the end of December 2015.

Please continue to pray for:

- The Discipleship Team meetings 4th & 26th Feb.
- La Ascensión Summer Holiday Bible Club 5th - 8th Feb.
- Wisdom and revelation, that I may know God better & remember the hope to which He has called me. (Ephesians 1:17-23)