

Paul, Sarah, Sophia, Emily & Annabelle Tester



February 2017
Annabelle arrived!

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,

The last few months have held one main event for us as a family. Annabelle Rosie was born in Lima and is now three months old! She is beautiful, happy, healthy and exceedingly calm - the last is something that has come as a welcome surprise to us a family! Those who have been following our e-mail updates will know that we managed to get her Peruvian and British passports, despite having to get the British passport office to agree to give her only one surname on her British passport (in Peru everyone has two surnames on their birth certificates, taking the first surnames from both their father and mother, which caused the issue). As soon as we had the passports in hand we were able to buy tickets and fly to the UK to see family, for visits to link churches and to enjoy the winter there! Thank you for your prayers for Annabelle's safe arrival, for her passport and for being able to spend Christmas time with family.



The day Annabelle left the hospital for home

Before we left Peru for the UK there was plenty happening. A few highlights are included below:



Teaching at the Youth Leader's Retreat

As a diocesan youth ministry we held our annual youth leaders retreat bringing together youth leaders from across the country for teaching, time with God, a time to share with one another, prayer and more (see photo on left). The theme was “Prophets” and had the strapline “What are you doing here?” Based on the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19 it had days based around “Rest in God”, “Food from God”, “Time with God” and “Service for God”.

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Young people from the San Pablo mission enjoy a trip to Lima’s fountain park as part of their Christmas celebrations

Advent was a time for presenting the results of our discipleship visits around the diocese. Although challenging for all concerned this has led to reflection and repentance as a church and the beginnings of change – something we will be working on as a discipleship team, and as a church, in the next couple of years. Christmas celebrations included trips out for youth groups (see photo above), Christmas services with the nativity story in many different forms, Christmas meals and it was particularly special to see young people from San Juan Evangelista giving from the little they have and sharing it with those less fortunate – they prepared Christmas hampers for the families of young people with severe mental health needs.

With love and prayers, Paal, Sarah, Sophia, Emily and Annabelle!

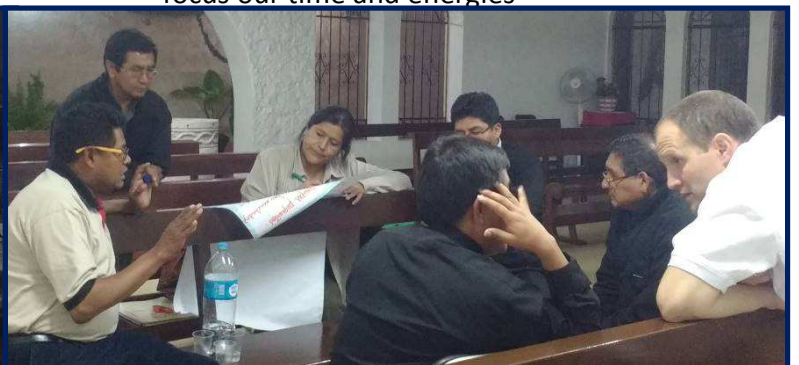
For your prayers:

Please thank God for:

- Annabelle’s safe arrival, receiving all of her papers and passports, and being able to spend Christmas with family
- Time in the UK over January and February with Emily and Annabelle’s baptisms and blessed visits to link churches
- Improvements in Sophia’s speech
- Presentations of our discipleship report and the support of Diocesan Bishop Jorge in implementing change
- For all the recent youth activities and the fruit of young people’s lives changing in Christ

Please pray for:

- Our return to Peru on 26th February – for safe journeys and for good adjustment to the heat
- For Sophia beginning “big girl’s school” on 2nd March and Emily starting nursery on 6th March
- For Lizbeth, Diocesan Youth Coordinator and Discipleship team member going to serve the Church in Ireland for a year, and for those assuming her responsibilities in her absence
- For the Holy Spirit to bring about change in the Diocese of Peru, particularly in the area of discipleship, and for Bishop Jorge who leads it
- For wisdom as we continue to discern where to focus our time and energies



Left: Two more young people from San Juan Evangelista complete the “Abundant Life” basic discipleship course
 Right: Starting to work on the issues raised by our discipleship presentations with clergy in Arequipa