

MONTGOMERY NEWS - ADVENT 2010

....Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...(Mk 3:3)

Shimmer, candles and tiny lights decorate our balcony as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. What else would He have us do to prepare a way for Him? What does that preparation look like here in Peru?

During September Ian and I settled into a well-situated apartment here in Lima and began our work. In October, we returned to the US for Katherine's wedding with Sam Sweet in Los Angeles—a glorious time! We flew back to Lima knowing my mother's health was failing, and within a week we flew to Ohio for her funeral. God was faithful and we all felt buoyed up by his love for us during this intense time. Now, we are back in downtown Lima where our ministry continues to evolve.

Ian has taken on new responsibilities with the Diocese of Peru. Along with Padre Jorge Aguilar, he has become a *Vicario Episcopal*-- what we would call a Canon to the Ordinary. Both Ian and Jorge will give added oversight to the diocese and assist Bishop Godfrey in leadership of the diocese. This new responsibility will involve a fair bit of traveling in Peru and beyond. When possible, I will join him, paying my own way. Ian will also continue his work in the area of clergy formation and teaching at the seminary.

As for me, I continue to provide hospitality and learn the culture—from Spanish phrases to locating vacuum cleaner bags! Because my Spanish has improved, I find it easier (and more fun!) coming alongside Peruvian women to listen, laugh and pray. I am still hoping to bring Godly Play and Awana to Peru, but the doors have yet to open.

We want to thank you for your support of prayer, hospitality and finances. We felt covered in prayer during the stressful time of November. The last minute travel back to the States for the funeral was expensive-\$5000- so we need to replace that amount in our SAMS emergency fund. Ian's new position will also require more travel. Because of these matters, we are asking for more support for the new year ahead. Please pray about whether God would have you contribute to these needs.

We would love to see you here in Peru. We have a comfortable guest room ready for you!

We know that God is faithful and we trust in him completely. May you be blessed during the coming Christmas season as you help prepare the way for Him.



Polly awarding Sunday School prizes



Polly escorted down the hill



Ian preaching in Spanish



Ian sharing banjo ministry

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With love, *Polly and Ian*