

## **Peru Earthquake Relief November-December 2007**

Left home on the 25<sup>th</sup> around 6. It was a busy week, 3 jobs, paint the porch 3 coats, Paul and Mandy's Cancer Thanksgiving/Christmas party, my birthday, dinner with mom, dad and the kids, presents and homemade german chocolate cake and I was on the road!!

Then of course the plane was delayed an hour and a half, tried to sleep as we flew all night and made it, tired at about 7 AM. Met Tim, Tom and Marco and we went to Marco's and unpacked and got Monique and got breakfast.

Went to the college and talked to John and then back home to get some rest. Called Jordan and we agreed to meet for lunch. Met him and Nick, good meeting as far as contacts for us, especially for Marco and Monique here in Peru. Bad news, there is a strike on the docks and our container is not here! Pray, pray!!

Went back home and then met with John and Pilar for dinner. Marco's half-brother Fred was also there. Had a great time just sitting around and talking. Headed home and went to bed, late, got to call MJ a couple of times, even after midnight to get a happy birthday wish!

Got up and got ready, called MJ and then took off for breakfast, chichorones, pork in a bun, then back home to pack up and head to Paracas. Dropped our stuff and headed for the dunes where we had a great time in the buggies and sand boarding. I had a fall trying to go down standing up and am pretty soar! Got some chicken dinner and headed home. Got some emails in, watched a movie and talked until late. Waiting to see what all God is going to do this trip!

Didn't sleep too well, kept waking up from my shoulder/neck hurting every time I moved. Didn't get any mosquito bites though!! Got up and ready and we walked downtown for a fish, avocado and egg breakfast along with some café/leche which was all good.

We then took off for San Clemente where we hooked up with the lady who heads up the Samaritan's Purse outreach in this area. She took us to a home where they had stored their shipments. The homeowners said we could keep

our stuff there for free!! We then took off for a small village, no homes, all tarp frame structures. SP is gone soon and they are counting on the government to come in and take over, really not sure how that will work out?

We then headed for some lunch, had a great ceveche, fish and chicken. We then headed for Pisca to look for tools and supplies to help around the house to get it ready for teams to come in and get Marco and Monique moved in. Didn't find much worth buying, some light bulbs, shower head and a few tools. Decided we'd get the rest in Lima and they can bring it back.

We then headed for San Andres where the stadium is where they have been ministering and starting a church. It's hard to believe that this many people are still this bad off. A lot of single moms who had very little and now have nothing. They work, but see no way to get out of the situation that they are in. Marco really needs some wisdom from God with how to handle this. There are some land options, but they still end up living the same way they do now, actually a little worse with no porta pots and water and kitchens with food being served. Really breaks my heart. The kids, especially the two girls that kept hanging on us were so cute and full of fun!! Lord please provide for them and guide us on how to help them.

It was dark and getting cold so we headed for home and went and got some dinner. I am eating way more than I would at home, I've probably gained some weight!!

Got to the internet café and was able to talk to MJ for a little bit and check some email. Lord watch over her and the kids while I'm gone.

Came back and did some worship and spent some time in prayer and got ready for bed.

Tim, Tom, Marco & Monique headed to Lima for supplies, the rest of us stayed behind to work. We broke for lunch and the restaurant and ourselves were robbed at gunpoint! We lost some valuables, cash and credit cards, but otherwise are fine. Got the credit cards cancelled and got back to work!

Went back to tent city and did an outreach. We were able to donate a DLP projector to Marco for his new church. We brought Spanish DVD's for the

kids and the Jesus Story in Spanish. We did a movie night starting with a kids movie and then the Jesus Story. Popcorn and drinks for all!

Did more work on the house. Tim and Tom had a meeting in Lima with Jon so I stayed behind a couple extra days. Ended up eating some bad breakfast on my last day in Paracas so spent the last couple of days in Peru with a hurt shoulder and bad stomach!

Made it home safe and sound and found that someone had stolen some things out of my car! Satan is alive and well and seeks to discourage us in many ways, but we must press on!!

We faced many, many attacks from satan, but eventually all things worked together for God's good as He already has sealed the victory! The container was delivered exactly when God wanted it there, not a minute before or after! Many, many, many people were blessed by the contents. Marco and Monique have had several outreaches using the contents to draw people in and tell them about Jesus and invite them to church. Their church continues to grow, remember to keep them in your prayers!