

God answers their prayers, your prayers and ours.

Helping some of the sick - We thought it might never happen, but thank you Lord it finally did!

Patty was someone we met soon after we arrived in Peru. She was gifted and we tried several times to utilize her help. We succeeded for a time, but then her life moved on and despite frequent attempts something always stopped her from working with us. We were getting desperate for help with the medical difficulties about which people were consulting us. **Virginia**,



Continue to pray for Vilma, single mum of 3, with daughter Geraldine, (far right) who has a heart condition.

who could hardly see, said doctors kept telling her to wait – but wait for what? She didn't know, and meanwhile was receiving no treatment. Three month old baby twin **Luz** had a hernia. Father was bedridden with a broken arm & leg after an accident. Mum, with no income, was trying to feed the twins, two other children and her husband. The hospital said the baby should be operated on, but how could mum sort it out? She had no money, had two babies to carry (no prams in shanty towns) and already felt life was impossible.

Candy had been told by a specialist she needed an urgent operation – but she said she didn't have the symptoms the man described, whilst **Segundo**, who has advanced Parkinson's disease & a hernia, had two specialist opinions to choose from, one saying he must have an operation and another saying he must not - and so it went on. Patty was the ideal person to help us. She lives almost next door to a big State hospital and had nursed her father for 5 years with

cancer and then a stroke. During that time she had helped several patients she met whilst in the hospital with her father and in the evenings she was now studying to be a nurse. She also wanted to help us. But there were reasons why she was not able to, so we asked you to pray that the problems be removed. Three months ago she rang to say she was available! Now Virginia is getting some treatment, the baby is being prepared for the operation, Candy has been able to sort out that she does need an operation and Segundo is in the process of being sorted out. Patty guides the patients through the maze of medical treatment here, protecting them and us from abuses, persuading social workers to grant reductions and obtaining the medicines as cheaply as possible. *Many thanks to you who prayed and to God who did it.*

Stories about some of those being helped to study - **Maria** was one of the first young people we met in the shanty town when we came to Peru. She was eager to study and was the best student in her school, but her mum had left them and dad, nearly blind, had no apparent income.

Yet, with a younger brother & sister she has cared for dad, run the home and studied in a Christian Institute for five years. This December she finishes teacher training and will get a job. Studying in the same Christian institute, **Sarvia** plods on, now finishing her third year; whilst **Bethsaida** is finishing her first.

Rosana & Yanessa are studying at the state universities, **Luzmila & Santos** are in the middle of 5 year nurse training courses, **Joel** in computers & **Elizabeth** in pharmacy. These are some of the 14 young people being helped at present. None of their



Bethsaida, María, & Sarvia.

parents have proper employment or stable incomes so they could not study without your help.

They are very grateful and thank you and the Lord.



Elvis, now 15, has just been baptised – the second young person without Christian parents to openly confess his faith from Huaycan Adolescents. At the local river his parents met the church people for the first time. He gave public testimony to the way God had spoken to him through the Adolescents' group. Two other young men from the church and a married couple were also baptised.

Nearly 50 parents attended the parents' meeting at Huaycan. The gospel was preached to them, as it has been many times, but for the first time in a parents' meeting, they were asked to make a decision about the Lord. Four, who were Christians, but had totally neglected their spiritual lives, went into one room to rededicate themselves to God. Twelve, who didn't know if they were Christians or not, but wanted to be, went into another room to pray. They are all mums with whom we have longstanding contact. They are all poor and have family or health problems. Pray for **Janina, Vilma, Hermalinda, Manuela, Marcelina, Lidia, Graciela, Teofila, Teodocia, Dionisia, Luz & Yola.**

And now it will soon be Christmas – please pray for all the special services and gift giving that will take place. Each mother, adolescent and child will hear the gospel and receive some literature and a present. Then the projects will close for the school holidays and start up again in February/March.



Other Prayer Requests:-

- **Ladies' Bible Study and Adolescent groups** in both projects. Pray they will be spiritually effective.

Willing hands empty the waste water.

with illness:- Pray for those above and they will be able to continue helping us.

- **La Campiña:-** Pray for the small church and the future. Officially the project has another 9 months to run, after which the church and we should decide if it's right to continue.
- **Huaycan:-** The church has worked hard on its ground floor building and now has a plastered roof and walls and a cement floor instead of soil. Pray church members will work as hard on the spiritual life of the church and see God changing lives.
- **Training:-** Pray for those in training to do well and maintain their Christian commitment.
- **Short termers:- Katti and Angelica** settled in well and are making a positive contribution. They will work in Camps during Jan. & Feb. Pray for God's blessing and protection.



Personal:- Please pray we will have a good Christmas holiday. Pray too for the ladies Bible studies, Adolescents groups and opportunities for personal visiting during January & February. Pray as we plan for 6 months Home Leave from June/July 2007.

We want to wish you a very happy Christmas, full of the joy of the Lord and a great new year.

With love, **Bill & Jean.**

'Emmanuel, God with us.'

