



# News from Bill & Jean

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English bacon, fantastic autumn leaves and great times with friends and prayer partners are some of the many things we have enjoyed since we arrived in the UK for Home Leave in July. We have been involved in over 30 meetings - and seen our own DVD over 40 times! (It usually gets a clap at the end so it must be good - or perhaps it is just so much better than us talking!) It has been a great tool. Our thanks to prayer partner John who made it. It is still available to house groups etc. To borrow a copy please ask us or Mrs. Aylin.

**FOR PRAISE** – the successful continuation of the work in Peru; warm and supportive fellowship here in the UK; some short term workers in the pipe-line; our return on 15 January.

## FOR PRAYER:-

- **The projects in Peru** have carried on well in our absence, with **Florencio & Miriam** in Huaycan, (pronounced Whycan), and **Eulalia** in La Campina, holding the fort. Please pray for their Christmas activities – buying presents for 100+ children in each project and Christmas goodies for parents in La Campina and having a celebration meeting with the parents in both places. Pray too for the special adolescents' activities in Huaycan.
- **Training** – pray the youngsters involved will continue to do well in their studies
- **Return to Peru 15 January 08** – Pray as we leave and start to readjust to life in Peru. The dust always gets to us! Before we left Peru it was agreed we had been too busy, so we need to delegate more on our return. Pray God will provide suitable people to assist us. These could be nationals, but we would also like a long term missionary to join us as well as the usual help of some short termers.
- **January & February** – Spiritual Life Conference 4-8 February when all the Peru missionaries get together, and then for us as we, along with the nationals, restart the projects.
- **Short termers** – guidance over the possibility of two or three joining us later in 2008.
- **Our house in UK** – that we may have a good agent and tenants.



**FAREWELL SUNDAY 13 JANUARY 5 pm Yardley Baptist Church, Rowland's Road, B26. Tea and cakes afterwards. Please come if you can - we would really like to see you.**



It has been great to meet up with many friends, but busyness has overtaken us so if we haven't seen you please do give us a ring.

We pray Christmas will be very special this year. Just as the shepherds worshipped, so may we. One third of the world has not yet heard the good news that God in Jesus Christ came to the earth to give salvation. Let us pray that each of us will do what God wants us to do to remedy that, whether it be in England, Peru or some other part of the world.

With our love, prayers and thanks, *Bill & Jean.*

**'Immanuel – God with us.'**



**'May the God of hope fill you with all joy & peace as you trust in Him.'** Romans 15:13

A few days ago we were asked to recall some of the recent encouragements from our work in Peru. Here are just a few. These are people whom you have helped as you have prayed and supported us.

From Huaycan, where nearly all the children come from non-Christian homes:-



**Yanessa**, one of six, first attended the project aged 10. Now 17, she gained a place at university, a phenomenal feat for someone growing up in a shanty town. She says she became a Christian as a result of the project. She does wonderful handicraft groups each Saturday with the adolescents.

**Elvis**, who also started attending when he was 10, was baptized this year. It was the first time his parents had contact with the church. He attended the lessons for the adolescents to learn to play guitar. He is now beginning to teach some of the younger boys and helps with the church worship group each Sunday.

**Candy**, abandoned mum of 5 school-aged children, first sent her children to the project, then came herself, accepted Christ and

now helps us. When there was a financial problem at home recently – i.e. no money – eldest son Jesus, aged 10, told the family, 'we must pray about it'.

**Hilda** was attacked and badly bruised by a woman her husband was seeing. She wanted to retaliate, but her daughter, **Maili**, aged 13, who has become a strong Christian since attending the project, told her she could not if she wanted to follow Jesus. Hilda, who reported this to us, would say she has become a Christian since attending the ladies' Bible studies.

**Erlin**, aged 10, normally a good child, was being difficult. We spoke to his mum, who said her husband had just left her (she has 5 other children). Although she didn't ask we felt prompted to give her a small money gift, (not something we usually do). The next time Erlin came he brought us a lovely letter from mum saying they had actually got nothing to eat that day and so it had been God's way of giving them their tea. Erlin seemed to behave better after that too.

**Elizabeth**, aged 13, whose mum has abandoned her 6 children, was in tears knowing we were going away. She also gave us a lovely letter saying how much she loved us and would miss us.

From La Campina:-

**Miguel**, aged 17, abandoned by his mum, who used to attend the project with her younger children. She left to live with someone else hundreds of miles away. Miguel now lives alone, something Peruvians just don't do. He supports himself whilst finishing school. As a special case he comes each week to the project to eat. He regards us as his surrogate parents. He has a strong faith, says he tries not to feel angry with his mum and prays regularly. We hope to help him train when he finishes school in December.

**Benedicta & Maria** are long-serving, faithful committee members who have either come to faith or maybe just grown spiritually since working with us. They often bring other needy families to our attention – like the family of 6 whose house was literally falling down, a young lad who had been thrown out by step-parents and had nowhere to go and no identity papers and the 7 year old who needed an operation for a harelip. Benedicta also did a superb job totally organizing and overseeing the project to provide 20 more toilets for needy families in the area. **Olga**, who cares for 6 children, including 2 orphans, has shared how much blessing she has received. Her shining face welcomes us each time we go. She has become a faithful and trusted helper.



And so we could go on. The people are SO grateful for any help given – one sees what a difference a helping hand can make – there is often no one else but us to offer that hand. It's a privilege to be there. We in the West live in such security and wealth, we forget what it must be like to really not know where the next meal will come from or how to deal with a health problem. A big thank you, as you help us in this work. We value your continued prayers that God will guide in everything

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