



News from Bill & Jean in Peru

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In Peru the word 'mañana' is important! Literally it means - tomorrow or in the morning, but because of the culture here it can also mean later, sometime soon, or even never! It is a way of putting things off. I, Jean, kept saying 'mañana' about learning to swim. When I was 19, as a person frightened of water, I was asked to demonstrate water wings in a public swimming bath. I swam the width of the bath, although I had never swum a stroke before. I knew then that I could learn to swim with them, but because it was embarrassing and I had lots of other priorities I kept thinking, 'mañana'. Finally, this year, I took the plunge - and in 4 visits learnt to swim! I am not going to win any competitions, but it did make me stop and think. What have I missed out on with God because I kept on saying 'mañana' and what else in my life am I putting off now that God wants me to deal with? If we keep saying 'mañana' to ourselves about things we find uncomfortable or inconvenient we are the losers. Let us be sure to change that word and say 'today' instead and so find out more about what God wants to do with us.

La Campiña feeding/education project - 49 mums and 100+ children on Tuesdays & Thursdays.



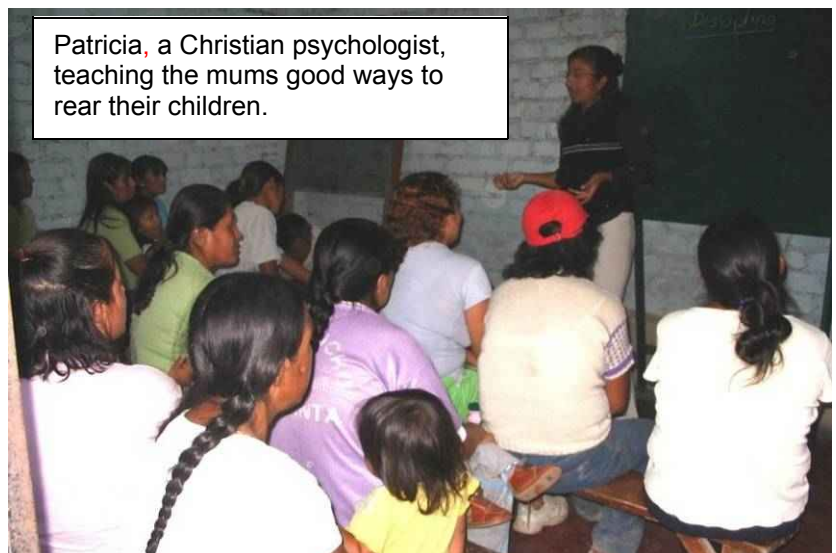
Olga told me she was 8 years old when her mum sent her to Lima to work as a maid. She continued, 'I was only allowed to go to school on Sundays, which was my day off. When I was 16 I got pregnant but didn't dare tell anyone, so I had the baby in my bedroom. When my employer found me she sent me to hospital. The father didn't stick around. Later I met someone else and now I have four children with him, but he isn't willing to help me with my oldest.' Her complaint is not unusual.

Many couples have children by different partners. Because of the precarious economic situation stepfathers don't want to be responsible for children who are not theirs. Olga went on to tell us her husband drinks and is abusive - again not unusual. In tears she described the difficulties of a family of 7 living in two small rooms with an earthen floor. We talked and prayed. We are helping her extend the house. She still has not accepted the Lord. Pray she and others like her may realise how lost they are.

Eulalia continues the regular Bible teaching & is a great blessing. Several mums have accepted the Lord. Jean wants to continue the Bible study she used to do, but is still unable to fit it into her busy schedule.

Emmanuel - is the name of the local church where the project is based. With a core attendance of 4 couples, when mums do accept the Lord they don't get much pastoral care, so with the help of the mother church, a 2nd year seminary student has been seconded to assist them. **Mario**, a single man in his thirties, is eager to see the church grow. Please pray he will be effective. He is very busy as he also continues as an elder of the larger mother church.

Patty continues to help us with those who are sick. She enables our people to get the insurance benefits which are available to them but which no one tells them about - and some doctors resist giving! In order to get a hospital appointment patients have to queue from 4 am. Patty gets into the queue for them as it is difficult for someone travelling the distance from the



Patricia, a Christian psychologist, teaching the mums good ways to rear their children.

shanty town, especially if they have young children or aren't feeling too well and she lives fairly near the state hospitals. She always goes the extra mile so is a great channel of God's love. Pray for **Saturnino**, the paralysed man. He is living in Patty's house at present, so he can get hospital treatment for his neglected bed sores. He needs a temporary colostomy among other things. **Sonia**, 5 months pregnant, has thyroid problems. **Victoria**, aged 43, needs a gall bladder operation, but has no one to care for the new baby. **Gladis** has an undernourished baby. And so we could go on. Jean has to keep notes or cannot remember who is where with what!

First you have to dig a 3 meter deep pit.



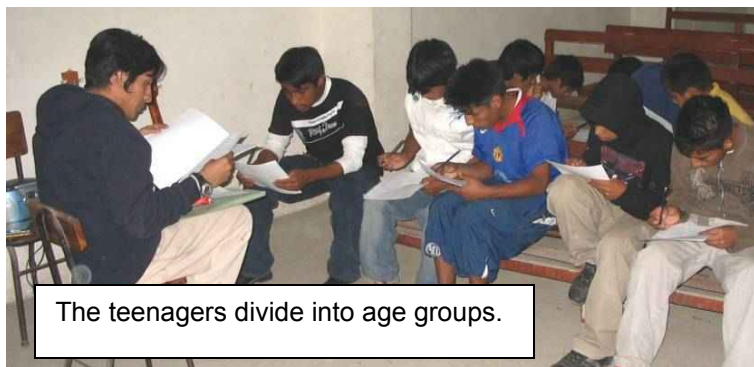
Toilets - **Benedicta** is doing a good job organising the building of pit toilets. She has 20 names so far, even though we have already provided over 75 toilets in the past. Everyone digs their own pit and pays a small sum towards costs. Drainage and piped water is not available, so having your own toilet is an important luxury! We investigated the possibility of a toilet without a pit, but decided it would not be suitable.

Huaycan feeding/education Programme - over 100 children on Wednesdays & Fridays, then a **Teenagers' Club** on

Saturday evenings. Fifty plus attend the club regularly for games, a sing song and talk, Bible study and discussion groups, then a sandwich and drink. Those who have accepted Christ need to grow & become part of the church. Pray for **Samuel**, the 2nd year Bible student helping us, and the **8 young people & our**

short termers who lead the groups. Pray for the older young people's group which follows. We would like it to be geared up to receiving our youngsters, but it seems to be shrinking. Also pray for the church as they have no pastor and lack leadership.

Water supply - The struggle continues to connect the church to the water & drainage system being installed at present in the area. Keep praying please.



The teenagers divide into age groups.

Training - 14 young people are being helped at present. We would like to have them meet altogether sometimes, but this is difficult in view of their busy lives and ours!

Visas - praise the Lord SIM now has the official recognition needed since the laws changed.

Martin & Susana Wieland - from Switzerland, join us in July. They have already worked in Lima and speak Spanish. Martin has preaching gifts, which he may be able to use to encourage the churches of both projects as well as helping us.

Short termers - **Lisa** has returned to Switzerland, **Dorothee** leaves at the end of June and **Kesley** at the end of July. That leaves **Meeka**, who is still studying Spanish, **Sarah** who should arrive in July and **Clare**, who is expected in September.

Personal - we continue to be busy and look forward to **Martin & Susana's** arrival. After slipping over in La Campiña Jean had to have a minor knee surgery. It was a good excuse to rest. July 28th is Independence Day here, so schools close for 2 weeks. We are looking forward to the break and value your prayers. Thank you for your continued love and fellowship. May God continue to bless us all as we serve Him.

Couldn't resist this photo! Not the recommended way to examine your drainage system!



With love, *Bill & Jean*.

Don't forget you can see our 25 min. DVD from Mrs. Aylin. You can also go on the internet for a 4 min. video:-
YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLX4mEysAZw>