



# News from Bill & Jean in Peru

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We want to start this news letter by saying a very big thank you for your prayers. They have made such a difference. We have been busy and had some difficult experiences, but we have also seen many answers to prayer. Praise God with us for His faithfulness.

**Marina**, the lady on kidney dialysis, died in October. Sadly, a week later **Saturnino**, the paralysed man for whom many of you prayed died, and a week after that a 2 year old girl from our project was killed when a wall near her house fell on her. We were very saddened by these deaths but we praise God that each person is now with the Lord. Your prayers, especially for Saturnino, really helped. Thank you!

**Emerson**, aged 19, went through our feeding programme and then Adolescents until he was 16. We knew him well and became fond of him. When he failed his last year at school we helped him repeat it so he could get his certificate. Then he went into the Army. We thought we had lost contact with him. Then one Saturday recently he reappeared at the Adolescents' group in Huaycan. What an encouragement it was to hear him say, 'I have come to thank you for helping me finish school and to know Christ. I am not baptized yet, but hope to be soon.'

Guitar lessons have brought in older boys. From left to right, Michel, Simeon, Juan Pablo, Elvis.



**Luz** came to see us. Her son Alonso has a growth on his back and can only walk with braces. We recently helped him get new ones. **Meche** also came. Her daughter has a heart condition and with Patty's help we are assisting them

to get treatment. 'We came to thank you and Patty for helping us,' they said. When Patty and her family came for lunch a few days later, she told us that both families have been going to church with her, including the husbands – God is beginning to answer prayers for the men!

In La Campiña the committee meeting had finished but as we got up to go, two mums arrived. Benedicta said, 'Can you hold on for a bit?' More mothers arrived and we were again asked to 'hold on'. 'It is not our birthday,' we said, wondering what was going on. Suddenly someone arrived with a plastic baby bath full of fruit salad. 'We want to thank you for helping us have our own toilet!' said the mothers as they crowded round clapping! We were very touched at this show of gratitude by some of the 30 families helped.



Bill showing the girls their picture on the camera.

The new way to do homework - asleep!

**José**, aged 12 doesn't go to school. We were told that he and his siblings were expelled for not attending!

His parents are both out working so he cares for 2 younger ones. Katty aged 10, works with mum & dad selling on the streets. Our short termers are providing them with work to do at home, which he brings in to be checked. Pray the parents will send them all to school when the new term starts next year.



**Dina** has started to attend church in La Campiña with her two small children. Her first partner left her after four years to live with her sister, her second left when she got pregnant. With no parents and a 15 year old sister at school, she has to make a living. At 4 am each weekday she prepares milk for the community (1 cup per child). She gets her share free plus £4. She also sews decorations on tee-shirts for 30 pence per tee-shirt. The psychologist we asked to come to chat with some of our mums warned us she was suicidal. We prayed with her and are helping her begin a small business.

**Rosa** has an alcoholic husband, who hits her and periodically throws all the family out on the street. Her daughter **Gisela**, who lives with her, doesn't know her own father. She is a 19 year old mum with 2 children under six by different partners. We provided two small rooms, one for Gisela & family and one for Rosa, her own two children under six and Pedro, her 19 year old schizophrenic son. When Gisela's partner broke her mobile phone in anger, Gisela burnt all his clothes and he left. Gisela then got into an argument with her mum, threw water at her and hit her. Rosa came looking distressed so we chatted and prayed. Jean said she would talk to Gisela. When she did, among other things Gisela said she had never felt happy in her life! Please pray she will realize that Christ is the one who truly loves her and can give her joy and peace.



**Miguel** was abandoned by his mum in La Campiña when he was 17 and in his last year at school. He doesn't know his father, a drug addict, and his stepfather is in prison for child abuse. However, he has a strong faith. We urged him to finish school, although he was living alone and working to keep himself. We said we would help with training if he finished school. We left him a small weekly allowance when we went for Home Leave. When we returned he was working in Huaycan, but no one knew where. We left messages and asked people to pray. Two months ago he contacted us. He wanted to train for accountancy. We spoke with the aunt where he was living, who assured us she would feed him if we could help him train. So now he is training, going to work on Saturdays and after comes to the Young People's Group.

**No bus fare?** Everyone is experiencing it rising prices! Recent studies show that hunger has increased in Peru too. More than 1½ million people in the Lima area go to bed hungry. We were on our way home on a very full bus with an engine like an aeroplane. An elderly, portly, Quechua lady in traditional dress got on. She stood for a moment and then asked loudly, 'Isn't anyone going to give me a seat?' Immediately someone did! A few minutes later she stood again and announced, 'I am going to sing for you, since I don't have any money for the fare.' As she commenced in a high-pitched voice the fare collector hurriedly said, 'No need to sing. Sit down!' 'Even without paying?' she asked. On hearing 'Yes' she then gave him an eulogy that would have fitted a saint!! Life in Peru has its rewards!

Another way to travel?



When you pray it may be helpful to know we are now 5 hours behind England. Here is a resumé of our timetable from the last news letter:- **Monday** prayer & preparation, **Tuesday** La Campiña, **Wednesday** Huaycan, **Thursday** SIM prayer meeting, shopping & admin, (La Campiña carries on without us), **Friday** Huaycan & preparation, **Saturday** Adolescents, **Sunday** our own church & day off.

Someone said, 'I may wonder what kind of mission God has for me, when I should ask what kind of me does God want for His mission.' The Lord is constantly challenging us. Let us be what He wants us to be as we serve Him.



Soon it will be Christmas. We will have parties, evangelism and gift-giving with all the mums, children, adolescents & helpers. Please pray as we celebrate, that many will experience new birth. May you too have a very happy Christmas.

With our love and prayers,

*Bill & Jean.*

'Emmanuel - God with us.'

Please note that SIM UK Christmas catalogue features five projects. Two are from Peru. One is for "Send a Young Person to Camp" and the other is the "Lima Patchwork Project". The link for the catalogue is [www.sim.co.uk/christmas](http://www.sim.co.uk/christmas)

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