



News from Bill & Jean in Peru

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Hello from Peru! Thank you for continuing to pray for us. We are sorry it is a while since we wrote a news letter as we do really do value your prayers. Here are some updates:-

Milton – Praise the Lord for the cornea transplant he received on 17 Aug. Please pray it will take well and a 2nd one will soon be available.

Guillermo, the seminary student, continues to befriend and witness to Milton and his family in Quechua, their first language.

Miguel – returned from a visit to his mum, whom he forgave for abandoning him, to find yet another change in his living situation. He now lives with his alcoholic dad, (who cannot work) and his two sisters, both with a child, but not living with their partners. So now Miguel has more of a family (albeit dysfunctional) and help with living expenses and meals. (His brother Wilfredo is still being cared for by the aunt with whom Miguel lived until they asked him to move out). However there is a problem in paying for the land their house is on as it is part of an 'invasion' his dad took part in 15 years ago and the owner now wants his money. Pray for God's solution.

Rosana – whose hesitant voice on the end of a telephone asked, 'Do you remember you said if I had no money for food I should ring you?' has a great testimony. After we prayed together the Lord provided a house to live in and look after and a small cleaning job. She receives free accommodation, electricity, water, phone & use of a computer, (important as she is in her 5th year at university studying linguistics).

Sarah – broke into a big smile when she saw us as we were leaving La Campiña. She rushed over with open arms to say she and all her family were now attending church. She had always wanted to

accept the Lord but felt unable to do so until her husband was willing.

Olga – also prayed recently to accept the Lord after months of 'not being ready'. Two weeks later, face beaming she told us, 'It's like something evil has been torn out of me. Now I don't feel so worried all the time and can sleep.'

Mariela & husband say something similar although they have yet to make clear commitments.

Sonia has started to attend church.

Esther is reading the Bible regularly although her husband still won't let her attend church.



Children's activities in La Campiña Tues. & Thurs.



Alongside their economic and social problems many are finding that God is relevant!

Medical help & Patty – Her assistance with the medical and social needs of our contacts is invaluable. She also runs a teenagers' group in La Campiña, and has a weekly meeting with many of our mums on Saturday evenings. All this is having a spiritual impact on the church as well as the families. Recently Patty donated blood for one of our patients and as a result was told she has a disease called 'Chagas'. A second test proved negative. It is difficult to diagnose or cure, and is often fatal. It comes from an insect bite, which can occur many years before it is discovered, by which time it can be too late. The bugs are found in houses made from materials such as adobe and straw. They emerge at night to bite their victims as they sleep. To try and clarify the matter we are sending Patty to a private hospital for a third blood test. Obviously we are all deeply concerned. (Please note gifts towards medical help should be sent to our Personal Fund).

Patty & Jean sorting out the receipts from patients.

Secretary, is doing a great job helping with our trainees, as is **Job**, who works for Compassion supervising students' further education. Their expertise is invaluable, especially in the monthly meetings. **Praise God** for continued funds to assist over twenty four people, most of whom are under twenty five.

Leonarda is the exception. She is a widow from La Campiña with four children aged 11, 9, 6 and 3 and no other family. She makes a living using her cell phone to sell calls on the street. We allow her to arrive on Tuesdays when she can. This means she misses most of the talks and we haven't really got to know her. Her daughters are unkempt and one in particular is also extremely 'hard' like children should not be. We felt we should talk to her about this. We did not make much progress. Then Jean asked how things were with her personally and she surprised us by saying that she was studying to be a nurse. She won a ½ scholarship some years ago, but had to stop due to being pregnant. (She is now 32.) Recently she found it was possible to do the course at night, so she has now completed 5 terms. After we chatted a bit there was a pause and sensing she was thinking of saying something else, we waited. She then told us she couldn't carry on with the studies as she has to do some practice work and can't afford it. (She had no idea we have a project to help people with training). We questioned her a bit more and were delighted to say we could help her. Then we asked if she had been going to talk to us anyway, and she said, 'no', she hadn't thought of it. We were able to tell her that God had and this was His way of telling her that He loves her and she is important. It was quite moving. It is only a first step, but it is probably the first time for a long time she has felt valued and we



Leonarda & 3 of her daughters – with Jean trying to look small!

We were so glad we were able to assure her of the love God has for her, as well as being able to give some economic help with the training. (Training Lima's Young People PE91890)



When friends leave Peru for good we are happy to receive their surplus items. We keep them in a store room above our house. Jean has started to call it the 'Long Room' after a storage room the Birmingham City Mission used in its early days. It's a bit like having our own Lima City Mission going. We move

things on ASAP – beds, mattresses and bedding, clothes and shoes are the main items in demand, especially during the cold winter nights. At present we have no short termers to help, so Bill does a great job organising it.

Adolescent Group in Huaycan on Saturdays nights - It take time to organise practical activities, music and study groups for 50+ youngsters. We have lost two important helpers recently as they have to study or work on Saturday evenings. Jean writes the lessons each week, adapting the material that is available. We then give it to the 12 young group leaders, so they can prepare in advance.

Thank you for praying with us about our future. Our plan is to come to the UK in May 2010 for a short home visit, returning for 2 more years as the Lord enables. Your fellowship is a great encouragement and blessing to us and the people of Peru. May God bless and encourage you also. Do keep in touch. We are always glad to hear from you.

With our love, *Bill & Jean.*

PS. Please see further sheet for condensed prayer requests!

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Bill & Jean Williamson in Peru. Points for prayer:-

Bill & Jean – we continue to be too busy. Pray we will find God’s ways to reduce the work to a manageable level and that we will continue to know His peace and help each day. Pray for wisdom and the emotional resources to deal with the needy situations we meet. Bill has been Lima Coordinator for four years and should ‘retire’ in October. (It’s supposed to be a two year stint.) Pray as to whether he should stand for a third two year term. It’s something he enjoys doing but finds time consuming.

La Campiña Tuesdays & Thursdays – pray the committee will function well, that mums will accept Christ and that the local church will grow. Pray especially for mums mentioned above – Sarah, Olga, Mariela and husband, Sonia, Esther & husband, Leonarda and her daughters.

Training – Praise for the help of Dámaris & Job and the many students doing well. Pray for one who has just become pregnant who has another year of study to do – and that others will realize how important it is not to get pregnant. Pray for wisdom as students often need pastoral guidance. Pray for a continued supply of funds.

Miguel – pray that his studies will go well and God will work out how the family can buy their land.

Rosana – pray God will continue to supply all her needs and she will keep growing in her Christian life.

Adolescent Group Huaycan Saturday nights – pray for one or two more capable male leaders for the older boys, for wisdom in preparing suitable lessons, (the material available in Spanish for Adolescents needs adapting to our situation), for the Holy Spirit to do His work.

Patty – her health and that she will continue to be able to work with us.

Milton – for the cornea to take well and another will be available. That the family will come to Christ. General –there are a multitude of health problems in the shanty towns. Pray for wisdom in knowing who to help and that Patty will be able to continue assisting us with this.