

NEWSLETTER

Homeward Bound!



Our last week in Peru we spent with a very dear and wonderful pastor whom we had just gotten to know through other contacts in Colombia and Jacksonville, Fl. Pastora Doris Silva de Hurtado has a church in the northern part of Lima called the Molina region or part of the city. Pastora Doris and her husband Pastor Lázaro are accompanied in their ministry by their daughter Cynthia who works with the children and their son David who leads the praise and worship. Their hearts is to bring the lost to the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to equip those who know Him with the word of God. It was a great blessing for us to minister in their home bible study as well as in their church.

Lima is a very large and beautiful city-approximately 12million. It has some beautiful fountains that draw you to want to maybe cool off...

Pastora Doris and her family welcomed us with open arms. When they said to us “Mi casa es su casa” (my home is your home) we took them to heart and joined in the cooking of home-made pizzas from scratch. They came out quite tasty under the direction of Fabian-a friend of Pastora Dori’s family from Argentina.



Upon our return to the US we flew to Colorado Springs, CO where we were able to share with the students at Charis Bible College (CBC). It was such a great blessing for us to share with a group that were so hungry for the word of God. As Suzan and I shared we reflected back on God’s work “in” us as he “restored” us so we could begin to see ourselves the way He sees us.

The Desires of our Hearts.....

Sometimes God puts some things in our hearts that we yearn for. For some it is skydiving, others it is driving a formula one car, or sailing around the world...for Suzan it was running a marathon race. God fulfilled her hearts yearning but as God, who always does more than we can ask or think...Suzan ran her marathon in Vancouver, Canada with her three daughters, Kayla, Lissie and Kara. Great job ladies! God is sooooo good!



(Left to Rt. Kara, Lissie, Suzan, Kayla) Before the race.



(Left to Rt. Kara, Kayla, Suzan, Lissie) After the race.

-NEW CREATION-

There has been much talk about the new creation. We say that we have been perfected forever.

Hebrews 10:14 And yet, we don't see ourselves perfected. The scriptures tell us that old things have passed away, but the old man with its weaknesses seems to be alive and well. Just what is the scripture getting at when it talks about this new creation?

For the love of Christ constraineth (holds together) us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: Wherefore henceforth **know we no man after the flesh**: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2Co 5:14-17

Under the Old Covenant, man's standing with God depended on the works of his flesh. The New Covenant ushered in something entirely new. God no longer knows us after the flesh.

It is Christ that holds us together! He died for us and took our flesh with Him to the cross. The flesh (the old creation) is out of the picture because it was buried with Him. Romans 6:6

God is not looking at us according to our works. We are not judged after the flesh. 1 Corinthians 2:1-4

Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.. ~John 8:15

The flesh has no value or place in that which is spiritual. We can't make the new creation about perfecting the flesh because it can't be perfected.

We have been born again. Flesh and blood don't determine the characteristics of the new creation. It is not about the flesh! The new creation is made up of the Spirit revealed Word of God. I am who the Word says I am. **John 3:1-5**

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:6-8

Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Galatians 3:3

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. **John 6:63**

The old creation is weak and temporary because the flesh is corruptible. The new man is incorruptible (has eternal life) because he consists of the Word that will never pass away!

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

1Pe 1:23-25



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