

WHAT'S NEW *In* Perú

WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS
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The Blumer's
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PRAY FOR:

- Abigail Alvarez ~new birth in Christ
- Gracia Bautista ~Church growth.
- Chinchil ~Mountain ministry
- La Fe Iglesia Bautista
- Marc Rocca, José Lira

To be able to share with you the fulfilling days of the last three months, would take more than an entire evening service to relate adequately. Jotting down a simple prayer letter such as this, is not that simple; but it should help you in praying, and keep you informed of the things you co-labor with in Peru.

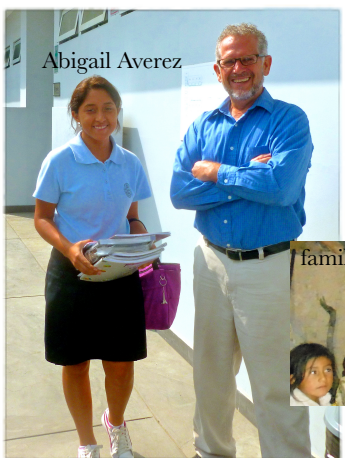
February, March and April are being noted in the history of our ministry as climatic, to say the least. We want you to see how it started, developed, and culminated for three distinct situations:

In the final days of last year, two young faculty ladies that worked in La Molina Christian School announced

that they were leaving to help a national pastor and his family in a remote Andean village. Emily Snodgrass and Victoria Venga devoted one year to the work. Along with three national Peruvians and a 21 year old college graduate from the USA, we formed a work team to prepare living quarters for the two women. It was beneficial to visit with the villagers during the work days and minister during the evening church services. Praise God for the blessings that will continue to make a difference in the lives and souls of this little secluded village Christ died for. We ask you to Please pray for them with us.



José Lira



Abigail Alvarez

familia Tinta



"...For the work of the ministry..."



Five weeks after school began, we had a three day retreat at the Word of Life camp facilities in Cañete, Peru. This year's retreat was different from the past retreats. There were less games and fewer activities which freed-up more time to meet with the students. Mariano was led to the Lord last year. We had a wonderful time reading Scripture and praying together. The results of his faith are evidenced in his attitude; He asked that we meet regularly because he does not feel he is growing spiritually 'fast enough.' What a desire! Jose had greater problems the last few years, and he appears to be maturing, but he lacks spiritual fruit of salvation. What is happening to him is more like reformation than transformation. Please pray that God reaches a tender spot convicting him, and the weight of his sins turns him to genuine repentance. A most amazing thing happened to our tenth grade 'cutter.' For all the time we've know her, Abigail was adamant and vocalized her distrust in God. She would write things like, "I don't believe God could love me. I cannot be forgiven" etc. During the first message at the retreat, Christ pulled at her heart strings, and she raised her hand. But at the invitation, she sat still. I knew I needed to speak with her, and found her later sitting alone on the bleachers watching a game of soccer. After chatting awhile about school and her family, I asked, "Abigail, you raised your hand but did not go forward. What happened between the time you responded and the time you did not?" She replied, "There are some things I need to do first. I need to ask forgiveness from different people." "That's interesting," I said, "You are ready to ask forgiveness from everyone else but God, How do you think that makes Him feel?" It must have struck her like lightning. I ended the conversation with an open door to respond.

During the final meeting at the bonfire, students began openly confessing their sin and asking other students for reconciliation. There were impromptu prayers for classmates independent of staff or faculty pressuring them. It truly was revival of hearts getting right with God and with each other. Some of the toughest guys were sobbing uncontrollably listening to the petitions. At the end, they asked me to pray a dedication prayer for the graduates. We slowly began descending the hill. Many students remained praying together for more than an hour. Soon I met up with David and he asked me to play a game of pingpong with him. We were about to begin keeping score when we saw one of the students with her arm around Abigail walking toward us. "Mr. Blumer," Abigail cried, "I have got to be saved. I want to be saved. I need, I need God's forgiveness." I fought back tears that joined chorus with her heart-wrenching call for sublime pardon. She was trembling and wept so bitterly that her grief and consternation could only be spiritually reconciled. She knew she had been fighting God and hurting herself and defying God to love her still. Then came Jesus. We spoke briefly about what was about to take place during her prayer. Even while speaking she did not stop weeping. Unceasingly, she repeated the release words from her heart, "I hate my sin! I need God right now! Right now!!" There was no reason for me to say anything. What I had been asking her to resolve for the past two years finally meant something. "Abigail, tell God in prayer, open your mouth and confess your sin before God. Ask Him for the forgiveness you so greatly desire." Her prayer and her life instantly matched, the moment of salvation opened eternal life for Gracia Abigail Barrionuevo Alvarez. A new name written down in glory. It did not end when we stood up. She began searching for those she needed to ask for forgiveness from. Her teacher, Miss Rodriguez, classmates, and a call to her mother was still very necessary to complete that night. Today, almost a month later, Abigail glows with the radiance of inner peace and carries the greatest expression of contentment on her face she has ever had because she knows her condition produces it. Her Master and Friend procures it for her.

Kris and I are very excited to be co-laboring along with missionaries Tim and Cheryl Chapman, and 7 Peruvians in a brand new church plant. We do not have an actual church building yet, so the group is renting a space for now on Sundays. We are located near the Lima city center. April 24th we had nine visitors! Officially, our first service for the public is May 1st. The core group has been working together for several months in preparation for this to become a reality. We can see God already at work as we labor together to the glory of God. Three Saturdays ago, a team of 45 students helped us pass out 4,000 invitations for our opening service. *Rose Marie, Ephesians 1:6-7*