

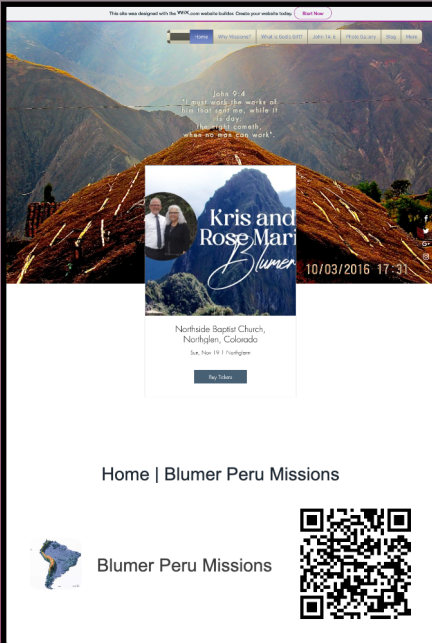
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Out of the ship the calling came.
Mending their nets, one remained.

WHO WAS HE? Mark 1:16-20



The photo below was taken in 2013, our first week in Peru. It was here the LMCS Math teacher (center) fell to his death from a hike on the Inca Trail. It is the same location where MK Camp has been held for 6 years. How quickly we are reminded of the brevity of life.



Launch out

into the deep,

When we returned to Peru, December 31st, we were greeted with fireworks for the New Year's Eve celebrations. Our first full-day back in Peru, we did not plan on our shopping being postponed. Nonetheless, we had some dry goods on the shelf to get by. The remainder of the week we caught up, and settled-in for the busy month ahead. We wanted to make sure everything we were responsible for was completed in time for MK Camp. We purchased 20 boxes of drinking water, soap, fruit, paper-goods, coffee (of course), and snacks for the campers. While Kris prepared a message for one of the chapels, Rose Marie prepared for crafts. MK camp was Spiritually refreshing. We are rejoicing over some eternal decisions that some teens made. Rose Marie and I are thankful for the opportunities we had to minister to these precious teens through devotions, small groups and individual interaction. Please pray for the MK's as they maneuver through life as 3rd culture kids.

As we shared with you when we were in the States, We have enrolled in a full-time Spanish course. We are thankful for the one full week (20 hours) of Spanish classes that we were able to complete at "PerúWayna Spanish Immersion School." Currently we are using a private tutor 8 hours a week..

Although we were not prepared for the turn of events by the end that week, nothing takes our heavenly Father by surprise! Going up one of the mountains on the drive back from Spanish class on Friday, January 19, an 'all-too-telling' sound erupted from our engine. Surveying how much further we had to climb, we prayed that we would make it to the summit so at least we could coast down. Which is exactly what occurred! Next would be to coast-in to an area that didn't interfere with traffic. Near the bottom of the final curve, Kris found

temporary parking space. The sign above us said, *Tow-Away Zone!* Another prayer ascended and we called our mechanic. Four hours later we were rescued and our SUV has since gone through a re-build; new water pump, belts, pulley, etc and a warped head. This occurred the week before camp, but God provided a way to deliver the camp supplies. The Lord worked it out details through prayers of those who knew our situation. To God be the glory!

Currently, we have used a taxi or borrowed a car to run necessary errands. Four weeks later we have our SUV back. We need to test it to see if it is running properly, however, due to Kris' most recent hip replacement, Rose Marie has only once bravely ventured out with a couple friends to run some errands. She normally does not drive in Perú. Pray for us to be patient over things that are out of our control.

Kris has been in contact with our sending church and missions office regarding a medical need that has been agitating him for several years. While traveling last year, Kris' hip felt like it was out of socket. Kris knew in the back of his mind that it wasn't going to be an easy fix. We were surprised how quickly events unfolded. Feb.22 a full hip replacement was completed, and, as the surgeon promised, he was able to stand up and take a few steps Friday mid-afternoon. We were transported home in an ambulance upon Kris' release from the Clinic. Thankfully, Rose Marie was able to ride home with Kris in the ambulance. This experience definitely has an added new learning curve. God used different ones in our missionary circle to provide meals and a walker. A huge blessing! Please pray for us as we maneuver through this season from day to day, fully dependent on God's perfect timing.

Psalm 46:1 Romans 5:1-11



