



What's happening in Lima...

through the eyes of Melissa Smith

No. 4

*"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this
be known in all the earth."*

Isaiah 12:5 (ESV)

During worship on Sunday morning we were exhorted by one of the elders of the church to remember the works of the LORD. In Deuteronomy 8 the people of Israel were exhorted to remember the wonders the LORD had done in bringing them out of slavery and through the wilderness. They were reminded that every good thing they possessed came from the LORD. They were warned that if they forgot the LORD and turned to other gods they would surely perish.

What an appropriate reminder for us as well! We must not forget that our salvation came solely from the LORD! We must not turn away from serving the LORD in order to serve other gods—and I don't only mean wooden or metal images. Remember what the LORD has done! Recount the works of the LORD to your family and friends. Recall not only what he has done in your life, but also what he did for the people of ancient Israel and the early church. Talk about those wonders so that we all might rejoice together and worship the LORD!

I think I've mentioned in past newsletters and on my blog that I go once a week to an area of Lima called Pamplona with Gerica and Santiago in order to encourage and disciple several new believers. This month we have been encouraged as we have seen the ladies grow in their faith and their desire to share the Word of God with their family and friends. Last week, two of the ladies, Celia and Angela, asked us to teach them how to talk about God with their friends. It brought me joy and caused me to evaluate my own heart when I saw their eagerness to share with their neighbors and friends. Also, Celia and Ivonne have decided to get together a few days each week to pray and study the Bible together. This is an answer to pray! They are beginning to grasp the fact that it is the Holy Spirit who gives them understanding of the Bible, and they do not need us to be present in order to study and understand the Word of God.

The second page contains a few pictures of Pamplona and the ladies we meet with. Please pray for them whenever you pray for me.

Praise!

Several believing women in Pamplona have asked us to teach them how to share the Gospel with their neighbors and friends.

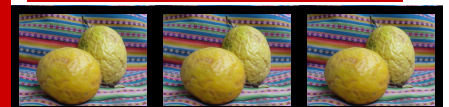
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness!

Prayer Requests:

Pray that Celia and Angela will have courage as they talk about the LORD with their friends.

Pray that the LORD would be pleased to save the husbands of the women we study with.

Pray that the LORD would raise up a male leader for this group of believers in Pamplona.



Ministry in Pamplona



Pamplona is an area on the outskirts of Lima that began when squatters claimed sections of land. Now it is a recognized area of the city.



From the main road looking up.



Studying the Bible with Angela.

Santiago, Celia, Cangee, and me after studying with Celia at her house.



Celia asked us last week to teach her how to talk to her friends about God.

Pray that the LORD would use her mightily to save more women in Pamplona.

Nila sharing with Justina what we studied that day.



Pray that the ladies will meet together on their own to study the Bible rather than waiting

for us to be present.

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