



## Cusco and Back Again



A few weeks ago, we were eating lunch with some Peruvian Christian brothers we have gotten to know pretty well. We shared with them that we were going to the city of Cusco (a short flight from Arequipa) for several days to meet with the Peru Field Council (providing leadership over all of Peru) and help with the construction of “The Josephine House” (a home for orphans with special needs). What they said next caught us off guard. “Do you think we could come with you and help?” they asked.

These are two brothers who are very godly men. They are carpenters by trade, and at any given time, they have no idea what work they will have after their current project. They just trust the Lord to provide work for them. For them to leave Arequipa is not just using up vacation time. It means they are losing income for the week and losing any projects that may have come up during that time. In other words, this was a huge sacrifice on their part. To hear them express their desire to help build this house for orphans was amazing to witness. We excitedly invited them, along with one other Christian brother, to join us for the project.

Early Monday morning, we boarded a plane for Cusco. Their excitement for serving the ministry in Cusco was an encouragement to our soul. When we arrived, these Peruvian brothers hit the ground running and got to work on the job site as we met with other members of the MTW Peru Council to work through vision and care over Peru.

Apart from the progress we made on the house, the Lord used that week to build our relationship with these dear brothers. To be honest, a solid week of round-the-clock Spanish, meetings, and construction was very tiring. But working together, eating together, and staying in a hostel together, helped us grow together in a friendship we trust will benefit the long-term ministry of Arequipa.



Please pray for these dear brothers L, C, and F. We praise God for their servant hearts and look forward to seeing how the Lord might use them to build His church in Arequipa. Also, more information about the Josephine House may be found at [www.JosephineHouse.org](http://www.JosephineHouse.org).



## Introducing *Mas o Menos*

Though we are minus one member until Nathaniel gets back from the States, this Sunday is the grand unveiling of our Andino group *Mas o Menos*. For you non-Spanish speakers, our name is simply translated “More or Less”. We landed on that name because as we have been trying to learn Andino music we have found the different tempos of the music to be very difficult to get the hang of. Each attempt we have made along the way has been followed by a “mas or menos” from our Arequipanean brothers/teachers. It seemed only fitting to name the group *Mas o menos* since the crossover/hybrid version of what we are playing is “more or less” Andino music! In truth, the group is called “Jesus El Verbo” (Jesus the Word) and these guys are using our weekly meetings as an evangelistic tool to reach the community where they live. They are offering lessons in Christian Andino music and approaching it from a strictly Christian platform.

