



"I haven't attended church in over 20 years...I've heard other sermons, but the way you explain the Bible is so clear." Watching our neighbours and new visitors become regular fixtures in church is such a joy, and hearing feedback like this lifts the heart and reminds us that we are right where God has called us.

We have seen many new "regulars" at church this month. Silvia and Benita worked the fields of Arequipa together for over 11 years and one day Silvia invited her friend Benita to come to church. A few weeks after that first visit we began meeting in Benita's home and sharing the basics of the gospel with these two friends. One day Benita interrupted the meeting and left the room. Soon she reappeared with her two twin granddaughters and soon all four were seated, listening and hanging on every word of the gospel. Over two weeks later these four prayed and confessed Christ as Lord and asked for his mercy and great salvation! Please pray for these four as they grow in their newfound faith and go through our new member's course (which is a work in progress)! Pray that the Lord will continue to use them to bring others into his fold. Each visit to their home they introduce someone new- someone else that needs to hear about Jesus.



Benita, Briyith, Dayana and Silvia



Enjoying an Italian Dinner

enjoying a new meal with neighbours or families from the church. This past month we hosted a candle-lit Italian dinner over the Valentine's day weekend and played Spanish Pictionary and Taboo while we ate garlic bread, spaghetti and meatballs. Every available seat was taken and the dinner was a huge success.

As we visit people in their homes, we find ourselves eating fish for breakfast, or being asked to try a delicious toasted Guinea Pig. The relationships that have grown over these interesting meals are so rewarding. So much of Peruvian culture revolves around food and fellowship and not a week goes by without our families



Nikki & Alicia making ministry happen

As we cleaned up the morning following the Italian dinner, it quickly became evident that more than a few of our congregation wanted us to spend even more time together. They wanted us to plan a trip to the beach.

César and Juana



Lucho and Barrett

Less than a week later close to forty of us were singing, playing, eating and swimming on the beach three hours from Arequipa. Our trip to the beach gave us opportunities to meet many new people, and we would so much appreciate your prayers for these new faces as we pursue them throughout these coming weeks.

Our smiles, relationships and our joy continues to grow as the ministry moves forward. Please join us in prayer for this work, and pray with us as we seek to recruit more missionaries for this growing field.



Italian Dinner crowd



Alicia, Maria and Nikki

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