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ABOUT US

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30 SECOND UPDATE (see articles below for more details)

- The Seminary held a Worship Workshop for local churches.
- Nikki turned over the Community Women's Bible Study to local leaders at a celebration dinner.
- Nate attended meetings for Redeemer's City to City ministry in Lima, Peru.
- The Bonhams attended and Nate officiated a wedding of a dear couple we met through the Seminary.
- Nate translated at a medical campaign of Medical Ministry International.
- The Bonhams will be completing their time in Arequipa over the next five weeks. It will be a stressful and painful time.

Worship Workshop

Being in Latin America for seven years, we have seen some rather interesting ideas about public worship. Churches tend to simply duplicate what they have seen in person, on tv, or through the internet. Needless to say, there is a need to ask the question, "What is biblical public worship?"



*Question & Answer time during
the Worship Workshop*

With this need in mind, we held a "Worship Workshop" through the seminary. We had nearly 40 participants representing a handful of local churches. It was a lot to fit into six hours, but it was an encouraging time as we wrestled with this topic together.

Ladies' Dinner

As we look at our October departure from Arequipa, one of our primary tasks is



*Group photo after the Ladies' Bible
Study Dinner*



to transition the ministries we have started to capable local leaders. As you might remember from previous newsletters, the women's community Bible study has been a very fruitful ministry led by Nikki. In July, we took steps to transition this ministry. The ladies held a special dinner to celebrate the Bible study. It was also a time to mark its change in location from our house to another lady's house that Nikki has been discipling.

We are thrilled to say that the Bible study is continuing without needing our help. This is our goal as missionaries!

City to City

City to City is a church-planting ministry started by Redeemer Church in New York (planted by Tim Keller). In July, Nate was able to attend a meeting in Lima, Peru along with leaders from various ministries across Latin America. The focus was to brainstorm how we might work together in church-planting movements. These meetings will prove to be beneficial for our continued connections in Peru and for future ministry in Medellin, Colombia.



Roundtable discussions with Redeemer's City to City Ministry and other ministries throughout Latin America

Wedding Bells

We celebrated the wedding of a dear couple we have come to know and love over the past year or so. They are students in the Seminary, the wife attends and now helps lead the women's Bible study, and they are both faithful servants in the church. Not to be delayed by a flat tire on the way there, Nate was honored to be able to officiate the ceremony. Pray for the marriage of this young couple as they live in a culture where marriage is misunderstood and abused.



Officiating the wedding of our sweet friends

Medical Campaign

One of the highlights we have had each year is to participate in a community medical campaign led by MMI (Medical Ministry International). One of the best parts is that we don't have to organize it! We simply show up, translate for volunteers, get to know people in the community, and share the gospel. This year several thousand people heard the gospel and were treated for various vision problems.



A woman receives eyeglasses for the first time

Seatbelts

We would greatly appreciate your prayers over the next 5 weeks. Although we don't yet have return tickets, it looks like our final day in Arequipa, Peru will be October 8th. Until then, we have A LOT to do: teach the final module of the Seminary, preach, transition the Seminary to local leadership, hold graduation for our first graduating class, sell our car and other household items, load a container, do repairs on our home, close out our house and Seminary office, finalize some government visa requirements, and prepare for our Home Ministry Assignment (HMA). Despite all the stress that these things will bring, the most difficult part of all will be to say goodbye to people and a place we have come to love. We are strapping our seatbelts for a wild 5 weeks!