
THE REINHARDT REPORT

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

We hope that this final letter of 2016 finds you all enjoying the blessings of God with your families and church families! It's been a blessed and busy month here in Cusco. We started the month off by ending our children's ministry (for the year)! Here in Peru every business, group, and institution celebrates Christmas with a "Chocolatada"; a Christmas party with hot chocolate and a type of dried fruit cake. We celebrated a little different with our kid's club, instead of hot chocolate we had chocolate milk, and in place of the fruit cake we had cupcakes. Each child present received a gift as well. It is always one of the highlights of the year to see the excitement on the children's faces. Thankfully, the Marks' family was still with us and were a huge help in what is usually a fun but chaotic time.

We also ended our adolescent group with another celebration at our house. It was an enjoyable time and we had two girls visit that had been with us in past groups. They are not Christians, and we were thankful for the opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with them.

It was exciting for the church to hold it's first Christmas play this year! Rebecca and another sister in the church (Cristina) worked with the children to tell the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2. The play was complete with Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, a sheep, a cow, and of course, baby Jesus. After re-enacting Luke 2 the kids sang three songs as well. Our people were really excited and we had visitors attend who would not normally come. At that same service we were able to give a gift basket away to a needy family that attends our services. For at least six weeks we collected dried goods to be able to distribute to two different needy families. This was a good project for our people to get involved in and show them that though we might be a small congregation we can still minister to people and make a difference. We will be following up with the families who were given the gift baskets.

Our Christmas day service was a blessed time even though it was not very well attended. We enjoyed our time with those who came and had a great time of fellowship afterwards!

Thank you all for your prayers and support! You were all a part of this and so much more that has not been mentioned. We would not be able to serve here in Cusco without you. We thank the Lord for all that He did in the 10 months that we have been back in Peru, and we look forward to all that He has in store for us in 2017. Please pray for our family and the ministry here even more fervently in 2017!

