

# Thirst

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My wife oftentimes “complains” that I tend to have a quote from a movie or a song in any given situation during the day (my Australian boss seems to be similar in that regard...). In Germany we have a verse for the year (see column on the side). As I was reading the verse from Revelation I had to think of Forrest Gump when he said: “And ‘cause I was godzillionaire and I liked doing it so much, I cut that grass for free.”



But seriously, everyone can come to Jesus. Everyone with **thirst** for life is welcomed by Jesus and He will satisfy. It is by grace alone – not because we have deserved it – for free. The Good News is that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is the Alpha and the Omega and that is why He can quench our thirst for true life – life in fullness. Are you still thirsty? [Or as the Sprite ad used to say: “Image is nothing, thirst is everything, obey your thirst.”]

## Saint Nikolas

Though we are already living in 2018, we wanted to let you know about a highlight in the past year.



Ben was asked by the staff of the Kindergarten, if he could imagine playing Saint Nikolas for the kids. He agreed to do so and we managed to keep it a secret so that Jason had no clue. He was more than surprised seeing his dad dressed up as Saint Nikolas that day.

We enjoy getting to know the Kindergarten and school more and more. They have asked Ben whether he could imagine teaching third graders **religious education** in German. We see that as a great opportunity, as these classes normally focus on catholic saints and rites of the church rather than Christ and the Scriptures.

We would appreciate your **prayers** in this regard, as we do not want to make quick decisions based on an opportunity. Please pray for the meeting Ben will have with the director beginning of March to get further information.

To the thirsty  
I will give from  
the spring of  
the water of life  
without payment



## First Birthday-Party, First Christmas, First New Year's Eve...

Since we have been in Peru for only six months now, we experience many "firsts" regarding different occasions (more info on our homepage [www.marxinperu.com](http://www.marxinperu.com)).

One highlight has been our first **kid's birthday party**. Tim celebrated his ninth birthday with new friends from school.



It is a joy to see that he has already made new friends. Language wise he seems to be far ahead of all of us – our little Professor.

## SLC – Missionaries come together

SLC stands for Spiritual Life Conference. Every year in January all SIM-missionaries of and from Peru come together at a location close to the capital Lima.



As we are together on His ways, it is nice to see the entire team at least once a year. Because of that we also had the chance to get to know the other missionaries and their ministries here in Peru.

The kids enjoyed their own special program as well. A team came from the US to teach them about perseverance. We are very much looking forward to next year's conference.

## Language School – Costa Rica

To help establish a better foundation in **Spanish** for the kids (and us!) our German agency (DMG) allowed us to participate in language school in Costa Rica. Therefore, the boys have the opportunity to intensify their language skills during the large summer break of 2 ½ months.

We will be here for the entire month of February. Once we come back to Arequipa (Peru) the kids will soon have to start school again.



We thoroughly enjoy nature! Everything is green here. Since Arequipa is located in a desert, we are usually surrounded by sand and rocks only.

Greetings from Costa Rica,

**Ben & Daniela**  
**Joel, Timothy und Jason**

## Prayer

### Praise:

- That we were able to finish the school year well
- for the SIM conference
- that we will be able to visit other SIM ministries once we are back

### Requests:

- concentrated learning during our time in language school
- Wisdom in choosing ministries we should be involved in

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