

Impressions

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Impressive! So often I am impressed, because there are so many things that are leaving strong impressions and marks in my life. I know in whose footsteps I walk and I hope to also leave traces behind – traces of the Gospel.

Recently I read an article in the online edition of “The Guardian” by the British New Testament scholar Simon Gathercole. The article’s title is “What is the historical evidence that Jesus Christ lived and died?” and he concludes with the statement: “These abundant historical references leave us with little reasonable doubt that Jesus lived and died.”



However, what I found most impressive were not the historical evidences (which are indeed impressive!) but how Gathercole concluded the article: “The more interesting question – which goes beyond history and objective fact – is **whether Jesus died and lived**”.

Costa Rica

In this picture you can see our successful completion of the language school in Costa Rica.



Costa Rica really is quite impressive (nature, as well as culture). But we have not been the only ones impressed with that country. As Christopher Columbus arrived on of the coasts of the Americas he saw chieftains decorated in gold. Impressed he called it: “Costa Rica!” (rich coast).

The boys had about three months of vacation and thus we had the time to travel and focus on intensive language studies. Some of the current and former missionaries in Peru told us about this school. We were very pleased that our language knowledge has significantly improved. It was also nice to get out of the desert (Arequipa) in to the rainforest.

Tutor: Elvira Vera

After having spent a total of four months in language school we made a switch in our learning approach. We now have a

But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.



private tutor who comes to our house twice a week to help us in better applying and improving our language. Her name is Elvira Vera and we are very impressed with her language capacities and teaching skills. She teaches a lot of *extranjeros* (foreigners) here in Arequipa.



We are grateful to God for this amazing opportunity.

Impressions from my journey

In our first year of orientation Daniela and I can visit different ministries throughout Peru. That is why Markus Völker (SIM missionary) and I set out to visit different theological institutions in Lima and Huánuco.



In Lima we visited the university USEL (see above) and the center of missiological studies CEMAA (see below) with Dr. Tito Paredes.



In Huánuco is one of the seminaries of the I.E.P. (Iglesia Eevangélica Peruana) with which SIM works a lot in Peru.



At the seminary I had the pleasure of getting to know the church historian Cipriano Quispe (see above).

The entire trip was a blessing as I had the chance to see different theological institutions and get to know that landscape more.

Joel's Birthday

At the end of March, we celebrated the birthday of our oldest Joel.



He turned 11 and is now in fifth grade. Joel still loves to play soccer and basketball. In addition, he has been a hard worker preparing for classes and tests which doesn't come easy to him.

Greetings from Arequipa,

Ben & Daniela
Joel, Timothy und Jason

Prayer

Praise:

- Protection in crazy peruvian traffic
- Visit of different teaching possibilities in Peru

Requests:

- Friendships in Small Groups
- Safe trip to the highlands
- Future ministry observations
- Patience while doing homework

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