

Joy

HEB 1:2b+3

One of the most important questions in our lives is: **“Who is Jesus?”** Not only did the Pharisees (Jewish theologians of the first century) ask this, but also Jesus’ own followers asked: “Who is this man?” The short statement of the epistle to the Hebrews (see right column) gives us a short glimpse into possible answers. At this point I do not want to elaborate on Christology (the study of the work and person of Jesus). Rather, I would like to challenge you to think for yourself and find answers to this important question. Another question which proceeds the first one is **“What implications does that have on my life?”** Since the answer to the first question cannot stand on its own and be left out in the abstract. I hope you will gain deep insights in your search for answers when asking yourself: “Who is this Jesus?”

Course on Christology

Thank you all for your prayers for the course on Christology. Indeed, one can spend many sessions thinking about the question formulated above. This is what we are doing in our course.



In the picture you can see some of the students of this course. I (Ben) also had the privilege to teach the same course at the Bible Institute here in Arequipa a couple of weeks ago. It was a one week intensive course which was truly stretching our brains. This was the first course which I have taught in Spanish – nevertheless it seemed to go quite well.

Doctoral Studies (PhD)

Both DMG (our German agency) and also SIM strongly encourage life-long learning. After months of searching, asking, praying, and thinking about a PhD program and a supervisor, I (Ben) “happened” to have had conversations with a professor concerning a possible dissertation topic. We spoke via Skype and had a couple of e-mail exchanges so far. We both agree that the topic I am proposing is feasible for a PhD. That is why I am in the process of applying to the university right now.

It is exciting to think about where the topic of Luke’s portrayal of mission in Acts and local readings of Christians here in Arequipa might take this project. In order to be further educated and do research we will need roughly an additional \$7,000 each year. We are grateful that the German agency has approved the project and accepts donations towards my education. I will be working on a PhD part-time, studying here in Arequipa, travelling to England/Scotland once a year to participate in a post-graduate conference as well as doing research at the well

“[...] through whom [that is Jesus] he created the world. The Son is the radiance of his glory and the representation of his essence, and he sustains all things by his powerful word, and so when he had accomplished cleansing for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”



known Tyndale House in Cambridge (England).

Sunday School for Kids

Please pray for the upcoming workshops Daniela will facilitate in June for the kids' program of our church. Daniela (due to insufficient teachers) is now teaching the **3- to 5-year-olds**. She is thrilled to see how after half a year of mentoring, her teammate is already leading the classes by herself.



We are trying to be more interactive in our teaching (with games and songs), rather than using the traditional method of solely teaching from the front.

Event at Dorcas

On May 1st we had a bigger event at the Dorcas meeting. The topic for this event was **dental hygiene**.



We started by talking about the important role a mother has in raising her children (this was shortly before Mother's Day), giving a short biblical introduction and encouragement.

After that we looked at the importance of cleaning our teeth on a daily basis. Every mother got a toothbrush and toothpaste for her children. Many people in the highlands of Peru do not brush their teeth at all or not very often. It is great to have the opportunity to educate the moms in practical ways and teach them about God's word as well, especially as half of the moms do not attend a church.

Visiting the States

We are very excited to be able to visit the States during our winter break this year. We will be in the US from **July 10th to August 1st**.



After about seven years it will probably be a bit strange for the boys to see the place where they were born and grew up. We spent almost 6 ½ years in Chicago (from 2006-2012). Please pray for a blessed time with friends and churches. We hope to be able to connect with many of our supporters and friends which we have come to know during our time in the US. Thanks!

As always you can find more information on our homepage:

www.marxinperu.com

Greetings from Arequipa,

Ben & Daniela
Joel, Timothy und Jason

Prayer requests:

Praise:

- New Sunday school teachers
- Great Dorcas event on May 1st
- Protection during the highland trips

Prayer:

- Sunday School workshops (06/02 and 06/08)
- Highland trip (05/31-06/02)
- Church course (until 06/25)
- TEE training 06/09
- For a blessed time in the States

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