



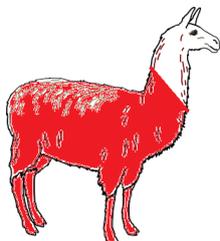
## Community

COL 4:5-6

Community according to a dictionary signifies “being together in mutual connection”. Yet, we can philosophize and theologize what kind of “connection” (or bond) exists. A synonym of community is **company**. Oftentimes we cannot truly choose our company. Who is sitting next to me in the movie theater or in the bus? Who is standing in line with me at the grocery store (in Peru this usually takes a while)? I often cannot choose with whom I’m in class, in a lecture, or in an office. There will always be somebody - the “other”; even in the faith-community. And that makes life exciting..

### Our Llama

In the last few weeks, we have been frequently asked about how we are doing financially. First of all, we need to say: “Praise the Lord for all the support that we have received so far!” We are grateful that God has used so many of you to support this ministry!

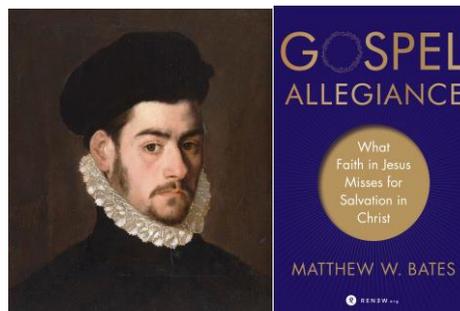


And yet, it is not easy to state exactly how we stand financially because we also receive irregular one-time donations for which are thankful for and which help us tremendously. We roughly lack about \$500 a month in regular donations at this

point (unfortunately a gracious donor cannot support us financially for personal reasons at the moment). We are glad about anyone who wants to partner with us and can help us “feed our Lama”.

### Translation and other work

A colleague from Spain recently started a conversation with me (Ben) regarding translation work. I met Andy in my studies in Belgium. He is an American and is involved in theological education in Spain. He currently works intensively on the Spanish Reformation and especially on Casiodoro de Reina.



Surprisingly, there are many documents in German and Latin that have not yet been translated into English or Spanish. That's why I agreed to help him out.

Another colleague wrote me asking if I could read and review his new book before publication. Since I already found his first book, *Saved by Allegiance Alone*, intriguing, I agreed to review this new book. So, as you can see, different opportunities always open up to be engaged in.

„Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”



## Doctoral Studies (PhD)

In the last newsletter, we already mentioned that Ben is applying to a university in the UK. The process is still ongoing and the due date to submit all documents is October 1st. Thank you for your continuous prayer in this regard.

## Visit USA

We are very thankful for the time we spent in the US.



Even though it was an intense time of trying to see as many friends as possible during our short stay, we felt blessed and enriched by seeing so many of them. It was great to be back at First Free worshipping with friends we hadn't seen for 7 years. The boys and Daniela enjoyed spending time with the Sunday school kids showing pictures of Peru. Visiting the places, we used to live close to, was enriching and reinforced the bond that we have with Chicago. Thank you to all those who took the time to see us!

We are also thankful that we were able to see our dear friends in Nashville.

## Guesthouse renovation

We live right next door to the SIM guesthouse which is due for a renovation soon.



Over the years, the equipment got old and the walls need a fresh coat of paint. In

addition, new electric wires and outlets need to be placed. Please pray for this process of renovation that is going to take place in November. We hope that the workmen show up in time.

## Dorcas Project

During the last couple of months we have had a lot of new moms coming on Wednesdays wanting to borrow baby clothes. They heard about the project through other moms and are enjoying this ministry.



Please pray with us for our next big gathering on September 14th when we will have a special event with a puppet show. Nearly half of the moms in this project are not Christians and not connected to a church. Those meetings are a great opportunity to hear about God.

As always you can find more information on our homepage:

[www.marxinperu.com](http://www.marxinperu.com)

Greetings from Arequipa,

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

## Prayer requests:

### Praise:

- Blessed time in Chicago
- The costs of Joel's braces will be covered by the insurance
- Clothes for the Dorcas project
- Financial support for PhD

### Prayer:

- Dorcas event (09/14)
- Sunday school seminar (09/21)
- Highland trip (09/13-15)
- Translation work Ben
- Visit of Ben's family in October
- Renovation guest house

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