



Vision Ministries Christmas-Gram

Dear Ministry Partners,

We wanted to pause for a moment and express our gratitude to you. YOU ARE the encouragement God has placed in our lives! As we face obstacles to complete the will of God, we are amply strengthened by our remembrances of your sacrifice and prayers for this ministry.

We pray for you regularly. We have especially prayed that God would supply all of your needs, and cause you to feel His joy in your participation of what is closest to His heart—the salvation of the nations.

In reflecting on the last year, we have learned many lessons of faith. We began the year by stepping out to survey a new field—the southern Amazon Rainforest of Perú. We were amazed at how the Lord went before us and prepared the way.

Then, we entered a time of seeking God's confirmation of His leading to Perú. Looking back it seemed to be such an intense time of prayer and waiting upon Him. The time spent was not in vain. We left that "holy ground" with confidence in transitioning our missions work to Perú.

As the Lord revealed His will to us, we faced the daunting task of raising our budget for this new ministry among the tribes of the vast Amazon jungles. These travels enriched us to see many of you again. We were also blessed at the response of so many churches and individuals to our burden and preaching.

We are now close to 75% of our budget raised! We are eager to finish up this aspect of ministry in early 2009 and arrive as soon as possible in Perú to begin our first term there.

One more lesson of trusting God stands out in our minds. As we've itinerated, we've ticked off the weeks of Judith's pregnancy in joy and amazement. After losing Melissa in 2005 and experiencing the pain of a miscarriage in 2007, we entered into this pregnancy trusting God for life. Now, in just a few weeks, another Barraclough will join our team! Picking names is the latest rage around here.

The children are excited about the birth, and eager it seems to get back on the mission field. They are chattering some in Spanish and imagining what life will be like in Perú. Nadia just turned nine, Isaac is seven, Jenny is six, and Caleb is a big five. They are enjoying a break from homeschool. Mom & Dad are enjoying the break too!

We thank you for every prayer, every thoughtful note and every dollar given for the precious souls of Perú. May God bless you this holiday season.

¡Feliz Navidad!

His for the Harvest,
The Barraclough Family
Joe, Judith, Nadia, Isaac, Jenny & Drew



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