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**GREETINGS**

Happy New Year to you and your family! This past year brought a lot of huge changes to our little family. Your continued faithfulness in praying, giving, and encouraging has amazed us, blessed us, and carried us miles beyond our carnal comprehension. Praise be to God for you! For this issue we initially considered doing a year-in-review, but alas we will spare you pages and pages of photos, and blurbs, and simply say that last year brought some of the biggest changes we have ever experienced as we uprooted and moved to Peru. Now we are getting settled and looking forward to digging into ministry in 2008.

This first issue of Brickey Update 2008 gives an update on our ministry here in Lima, Peru, web links for those interested in giving toward Kenya relief projects, as well as our "Culture Corner" about our induction to Peruvian Christmas and New Years. Updates to our Missions Journal/Blog and all of our past newsletters are also available for review on our website at [www.brickeys.net](http://www.brickeys.net). Happy New Year to all of you. May this year bring you blessings of comfort and joy beyond measure!

**MINISTRY UPDATE**

By Justin

Things are starting to take form for me as Food for the Hungry- Peru closes out 2007 and implements new ideas and approaches for 2008. December and January are annual report months, so the office has been busy doing evaluations and making adjustments.

I spent every day for the first two weeks of January in the communities, meeting the pastors, and getting a better idea of what I am called here to do. We were trying to get an idea of FH's effectiveness in 2007. We were also evaluating their needs for 2008 so we can prepare a plan to help them reach their communities. Please pray for me as I begin working with these churches in the coming weeks. For the past several years, the staff pastor in the Spiritual Development Program, Pastor Atilio Quintanilla, has been working with the churches in the communities all at once, and all by himself. This year, rather than having one person spread over all the communities, I will be assigned to a portion of the churches, allowing Pastor Atilio and me to each focus on a smaller group and develop better personal relationships with the local pastors.

For Gillian, we are praying over a couple of positions that are opening up in 2008. Please be in prayer for us as we discern God's role for Gillian here on the field. He's teaching us a lot about waiting upon His leading.

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**SITUATION IN KENYA**

Here are links to our organizations' update pages:

Food for the Hungry:

- [www.fh.org](http://www.fh.org)
- [www.fh.org/focus\\_kenya](http://www.fh.org/focus_kenya)

- Food for the Hungry
- FH Kenya Relief Page

IPHC World Missions Ministries:

- [wmm.iphc.org](http://wmm.iphc.org)
- [IPHC Kenya Webpage](#)

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"For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock" (Psalm 27:5).

**CULTURE CORNER: CHRISTMAS**

By Gillian

(Pictures and Stories on our blog: [brickeys.blogspot.com/](http://brickeys.blogspot.com/))

Here in Peru, the people typically go to church on Christmas Eve and then have dinner and open presents at midnight that night. Some families celebrate with Papa Noel leaving gifts while they are at church. For our own first Christmas in Peru, we met up with missionary friends at church at 7pm, and then they came back to our house for dinner and ate around 10pm. I had an adventure making the turkey— who knew turkeys have HEADS?!?! I squealed a mangled shriek as I pulled out the neck and found myself face to face with Tom Turkey. Eek! But he still tasted yummy.

After dinner our guests went home, and Rachel Cohen, a Food for the Hungry missionary, spent the holiday with us. The boys excitedly went to bed, thinking they heard distant sleigh bells, and Rachel and I stayed up watching "High School Musical."

Just after midnight Santa brought Justin a nasty stomach bug— NO, it was NOT from my cooking. Thankfully by then most of the festivities were pretty much done, and the boys, Rachel, and I, along with our newest Hunger Corps missionary, Kami, spent Christmas Day loafing around eating leftovers. Justin mostly stayed in bed and drank Gatorade, poor guy! We are happy to say he made a full recovery.



**CULTURE CORNER: NEW YEARS**

The day after Christmas all of the markets suddenly traded in their nativity scenes and tinsel, and dug out every yellow product they could possibly display. That's right— YELLOW. That's the color for good luck in the New Year celebrations here.

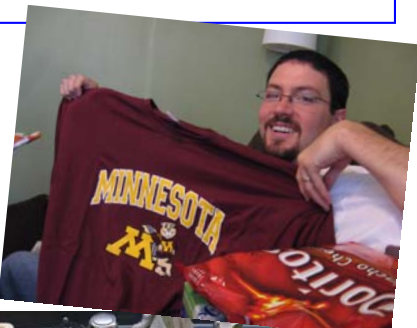
Other Peruvian New Year superstitions include:

- Throwing twelve coins over your shoulder onto the curb to throw out past poverty. (Picking up 12 coins, not your own, on New Years Day is also considered lucky, which actually isn't hard to do after everyone just pitched a bunch down there the night before).
- Running around the block with a suitcase or travel bag for good luck in travels for the coming year.
- Writing five wishes on a sheet of paper and dipping them in wine.
- Putting coins in your shoe as you wear it to bring a raise in the coming year.
- Eat twelve grapes under the table, saying the name of each month of the year as you do so for good luck in each month...a thirteenth grape can also be added for good luck.
- Fireworks—and lots of them!

We had fun waking up Alex and Nathan at midnight to enjoy the fireworks, listen to coins hit the pavement from surrounding apartment windows and watch a young couple drag a suitcase around the block. Then we entered the New Year with kisses.



Gifts from our Families  
This year's presents came wrapped in padded envelopes—how chic! THANK YOU!



*WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!*

On Christmas Eve our new nephew was born to Justin's sister Jennifer and her husband Mike in West Columbia, SC. Welcome to the world Cooper Michael Adkins! After a week in the NICU, Justin's sister Jennifer and husband Mike brought Cooper home to his brothers, Cameron, Casey, and Colton. Congrats, y'all!  
Love,  
Uncle Bubba, Aunt Gill, Alex, and Nathan