

## Ephesians 3:20-21

**20** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

## GREETINGS

Hello from Peru! Another month has past and we have barely made it under the wire to call this a "February" newsletter. This month's "Ministry Update" reflects on one of Justin's latest experiences in the field, as well as some basic challenges he faces working in a foreign culture. We also have a "Family Update" that tells of the latest goings-on in our life. To the right we also have a column about how to join our ministry team—we need YOU! Updates to our Missions Journal/Blog and all of our past newsletters are also available on our website at [www.brickeys.net](http://www.brickeys.net). Thank you for taking the time to find out about God's ministry in Lima, Peru.

## MINISTRY UPDATE

By Justin

In addition to visiting the impoverished communities more, I have also had the opportunity to begin training others on the principles of Biblical Worldview. In February my supervisor, Pastor Atilio, was invited to give Biblical Worldview training to missionaries that will be working with unreached tribes in the jungles of South America. He asked me to teach a couple of sessions during the week. The teaching on Biblical Worldview helps prepare people to analyze their own view of the world and understand the worldviews of other cultures so that they can interact and minister effectively. The training was a great opportunity to help these future missionaries begin to think about the influence that culture has on all aspects of our lives. For example, these missionaries will be working with animistic tribes. This means the tribal people believe everything has a spirit and the spirits are powerful. This results in the people thinking that they have little control over the direction of their lives (because the spirits are always in charge), and thus limits their practices in planting, hunting, flood prevention, etc.

It always strikes me as interesting how we frequently think about what it means to live as a Christian, but we don't give too much thought as to what cultural influences affect our perception of this. So, as I say this, please pray that I could learn how to work and minister effectively here in Peru. Sometimes the cultural differences are challenging and I just want God to make everything more familiar and comfortable. Ask that God would help me to see things more from His perspective—and that His will be done in me, and here in Peru.



Justin leading training on Biblical Worldview.

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## Family Update

By Gillian



As of February 22, we have been in Peru for 6 months. Time has flown by! Much like the experience of bringing home a new baby, it's taken these first 6 months to develop a new normal. We now have many more good Peru days than bad, and we're starting to feel like ourselves again.

We still have some knee jerk reactions every now and again, where we say, "That's it! I want to go home," like when a window from the 4th floor apartment came crashing down into our 1st floor patio. Yes, that's right...came crashing down into our patio. There are more details about it in our blog (<http://brickeys.blogspot.com/>) but thankfully, no one was hurt and our landlord is working diligently to solve the problem with the other apartment owners. My first panicked reaction was to say, "I'm done. I just want to go back to where windows don't fall off buildings." But a while later I was rational and thinking clearly again. Windows don't usually fall here in Peru either—this was a freak accident that had nothing to do with our host country. At most it would require changing apartments—not countries. Thankfully, the problem is being fixed, and life will go on here.

Another blow came just a few days later when Justin's dad was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Thankfully it has not spread, but he is facing some tough decisions about treatment options. Our prayers are with our whole family as we deal with his diagnosis. Receiving news like this is never easy. It, too, brought a knee jerk desire to run home, but after some praying we realized we can love him from here, and do exactly what we could do if we were in South Carolina—wait, pray, and offer our love and support. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Our latest interesting hurtle is that Justin has been battling a fairly serious urinary tract infection. This is comes after getting pneumonia when we first arrived and a really bad stomach bug over Christmas. For those who know Justin, you know that he rarely has anything more than a pesky sinus infection. Thankfully, we have a great doctor who is on the case and has also noted that it's odd for him to be sick so often. Join us in praying that his current antibiotics knock out his infection and get him back on track—or tract. Ha-ha, get it? Urinary tract. Okay, never mind.

These are three challenging, but surmountable incidents we have encountered in the last two weeks. In the big picture, we are doing well, if not great. After the window fell, and Justin and I were feeling a bit protective and burdened, we asked our boys, "Do you like it here in Lima?" To which they both responded YES! And started rattling off the things they



# Crash!

Our little patio covered in glass.  
Thankfully no one was hurt.

like—even Nathan, who initially struggled tremendously with homesickness. We have found many friends through Alex's international school—an amazing network of internationals who have already figured out how to live here and are sharing their wisdom with us. We have also had the awesome privilege of hosting out of town guests—a hodge podge of traveling missionaries who have made use of "Hotel Brickey." In April our close friends, Roy and Heidi Bauer and their son Robbie (they attend Crossroads World Outreach Center in West Columbia, SC), are coming to stay with us for a week, and in June, Rhonda Bauer and a group from West Columbia/Lexington area are coming as a team (they won't be staying with us, but we are excited to meet up with them).

So we're busy and thriving with everyday life. Even Nathan, who is stuck home with me every day, has found that he's loving his new host country. Now please continue to pray for us as we press through the challenges that pop up so we can focus on our reason for being here and reach out to the people around us.

Our next desire is to find a way for our family to worship with the community churches that Justin works with. We are running into a bit of a transportation and planning issue, but God can work things out. We may need to buy a different vehicle that will allow us to get into the sandy unpaved areas more freely, so please pray for us as we discern what we need to do to make things happen.

Thank you for your kindness and care. You all have been amazing in your faithfulness in praying, giving, and encouraging us as we transition into life in ministry. Maybe YOU can be among the next to visit "Hotel Brickey."

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