

October 9, 2018

Dear Friends,

Sunday was election day in Peru. Over 23,000,000 Peruvians went to the polls to elect almost 13,000 regional and municipal authorities, including regional governors, provincial mayors and district mayors. Voting is compulsory, so eligible citizens must register and vote, or face a fine. Yuli and Barb accompanied our friend Teo to the voting booth on Sunday afternoon.



In this letter, we will focus on the ministry called Castillo Fuerte, in La Victoria, an area of Lima known for its textile industry. The goal of Castillo Fuerte is to help children of the community stay healthy, receive help with school work, grow in the Christian faith, and have opportunities for extra-curricular activities, such as art, music, and English. A special goal is to find opportunities to reach out to the parents of the children with the gospel of Jesus and continue planting a church in the neighborhood.

On the afternoon of September 25, our volunteer art teacher, Buby, planned an art exhibition at Castillo Fuerte and invited all the parents to attend. Only 8 parents came but they enjoyed the program and the children loved performing for the parents and seeing their work displayed.



Bo and Pastor Osmel are trying to visit all the parents in their homes or places of work, but this is difficult as most of the parents work long hours six days a week. (Pictured is the tailoring shop of one of the moms.) Bo and Osmel have already had some good conversations and are encouraging the parents to join us in worship on Saturday evenings or take part in a Bible class. On Saturdays at 4:00 we have a special Bible school for children. We have only averaged 6 children these last three Saturdays, so we are encouraging these children to bring their friends to the Bible lesson and craft. Barb and Yolanda are sharing the responsibilities.

A special outreach event is being planned for October 28. We will offer a free conference focusing on how to raise responsible and happy children. We hope to hand out about 200 invitations to the parents of the Castillo Fuerte children and throughout the neighborhood.



Three views of the neighborhood around Castillo Fuerte.



Magaly, our director



Norma our cook



Lunch time!



The twins; too cute!



The teachers and some of the kids



Jhon trying to teach Bo!



In the classroom



Chapel time!

Praise the Lord for:

- all of the workers at Castillo Fuerte who love the children and work so well with them
- the children, like Jhon and his brother Jhan Carlos who love studying God's Word
- for Buby, who volunteers his time and talents to teach art to the children
- for the first visits to parents of the children
- for the great relationship Pastor Osmel has with the kids

Prayer requests:

- that the parents of the children be receptive to Bo and Osmel's visits, and that they be open to the gospel of Jesus
- for the outreach event on October 28, that many attend and that the conference be a blessing to all
- that the Saturday Bible school for the children continue to grow
- for our director, Magaly, that the Lord give her wisdom in her role of supervising the teachers and children
- for protection and health for the teachers, children and missionaries