

Peru Mission Update  
April 2014 Newsletter

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Dear Friends & Family,

We wanted to share an Update of what's going on with our progress towards Peru! Most immediately, we will be taking a short-term trip to Peru April 24-May 9 with a team of 5 others.

Our team will be in the Ayacucho region, and most specifically in Huanta, facilitating teen, college, and marriage group Bible study discussions, sharing our testimonies, preaching, meeting the students of the grade school, and learning about the real life situation of the Quechua people. Donna is grateful that she is able to be on this first leg of the trip!

The second leg involves preaching a number of times at a mission conference, and then re-connecting with the Quechua people in the village of Llauta.

**Please pray for our team as we prepare:**

- that we will gain a true understanding of the heart and life of the Quechua people as we seek to live out the gospel in a faithful, clear, and helpful way among them. (Someone has well said that the gospel itself is not the problem, but our presentation of it is at issue.)
- that we would love and serve one another well
- that God would be lifted high and honored by our service and

ministry

- that this initial ministry contact would be a great "springboard" for our future service in this same region when we go 'for real.'

We trust that we will have many great stories (and photos) to share upon our return.

Some **personal, exciting news** to share:

Elizabeth was accepted into the **VCU Art** School -- her #1 college choice! AND the #1 Public Art School in the Nation! (For those who aren't familiar: **Virginia Commonwealth University** located right here in Richmond, VA!) We are so proud and so thrilled for her! She hopes to become an Art Teacher! Through this event we experienced some lessons about God's perfection and His favor! Hallelujah! He is SO Good!

We conclude with this encouraging verse:

**"And those who know Thy name will put their trust in Thee; For Thou, O Lord, hast not forsaken those who seek Thee." Psalm 9:10**

Blessings to you,

Rick & Donna Martin

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## **April Mission Trip Team Members**

- **Shelly Dobosy**, South America Mission (SAM) Missionary
- **Rick & Donna Martin**, Strategic Church Planting with SAM and Missionaries of The Central New York Baptist Association (CNYBA)
- **Mike McMahon**, Deacon of Lakeshore Baptist Church of the CNYBA
- **Kitty Sheehy**, Children's Teacher of Living Water Baptist Church of the CNYBA
- **Wayne Sibrava**, Pastor of Living Water Baptist Church of the CNYBA
- **Dave Simmons**, SAM Peru Field Director

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