



Life in Lima

Hello! Hola!



Blessed by a recent break in the desert; Ica, south of Lima



Cristo Vive Youth

Have you ever tried walking to the top of a big sand dune? If you have you'll know it isn't easy!

Every step takes effort, and most of the time you feel like you are sliding backwards. The sand seems to absorb all your energy and the top seems far away... But all you can do is keep going, step by step and keep your eyes on your destination!

I guess this describes what the last couple of months have been like for me. In September I hit the missionary 'wall' and felt drained and overwhelmed by pretty much everything. It was all I could do to keep going day by day. By the beginning of October I knew something had to change... Besides the obvious choice to spend more time seeking God, I made some simple decisions to live a healthier lifestyle. I feel so much better already!

God has been honouring my decision to listen more by speaking to me lots through his Word... I feel really challenged and encouraged in many areas, and would love it if you would reflect upon these passages too.

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

1 Peter 4:2

"...he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God."

The idea of living for God isn't really new; I did move to other side of the world for Him! Yet it is hard to keep going deeper with God; to submit, obey and stop trying to do things in my own strength. So God, in his infinite goodness, is helping me understand how it all works...

Isaiah 42:6

"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles"

Ephesians 3:20

"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"

Of course it isn't anything to do with me, it is all about God living in me and working through me. I just need to let him do it more! Please seek God with me in this area.

Please pray that:

- **I can keep recognising the life of Christ in me**
- **I am doing God's will as I take his hand and let him lead**
- **His incredible power will be at work in the lives of others as he uses me in Lima**

Two books that have been helping me reflect are 'Working From a Place of Rest' by Tony Horsfall, and 'The Elephant and The Rabbit' by Barna / Dale.



In Touch

I love hearing from you! Really, I do!

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Coming up for your prayers:

- Planning for youth work in Cristo Vive- Pray for us a team
- Beginning to think about Christmas events- Pray for ideas and resources
- Ongoing discipleship with 5 girls- Pray for Anita who I began discipling 2 weeks ago
- Bible study at La Roca- we have begun & it is going well. Pray we grow together.

Personal Requests

- Please also pray as I **work out where to 'be' and where to 'do'**, especially in places where locals have little time and are already busy.
- I could really do with **getting a car** due to lots of late evening travelling... I have a lump sum to buy one, but I still **don't have my full level of monthly support** so don't feel able to commit to the extra costs it would entail. **If you would be interested in supporting me please get in touch with Latin Link.** Thanks.
- Christmas! Just a *cheeky reminder* that if you would like to send me a card etc. it will require some forward thinking! *The beginning of December is last posting date!*



More jumping for joy!

Culture Corner: Quinceañeras!

What is a quinceañera? It is a 15th birthday! **Within the last month I have been privileged to be madrina* to two lovely girls, Angie and Rocio.** Both had **christian ceremonies to celebrate their coming of age** which involved fancy frocks, formal entrances, speeches, worship, games, a big fancy cake and of course food!

These events have been **huge cultural learning curves.** Not just in terms of peruvian culture, but christian culture too. The sorts of questions we faced were: *Should there be a waltz with the dad or not? How long should the girl's dresses be?! What music can be played? How do we celebrate without just copying what the 'world' does?*

It made me realise how **christian culture here in Peru is so different to the UK.** Maybe there are more things we should all be thinking about which should mark us out from the world rather than looking the same as it...

Please pray as these girls grow in their faith and maturity and for me as madrina*!

*god-mother, and no, not of the fairy kind!

Angie from La Roca



Rocio from Cristo Vive Church

