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The weapons of our warfare...

are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds

2 Cor. 10:4



News from Herb and Markie Burch serving the Lord in Lima, Peru



Return to Lunahuana and Lucumo

Recently DCE intern Levi Karth and I renewed old friendships with people from Lunahuana and Lucumo who were baptized by LCMS missionaries some five to seven years ago. The LCMS entered Peru after the earthquake in ICA, an area 3 hours south of Lima Peru in 2007. Teams from the U.S. worked with Lutheran World Relief to show mercy to our afflicted neighbors and restore damaged infrastructure in the Cañete River Valley. There, DCE interns and workers met the people and made very special friends. Last January short term missionaries from Memorial Lutheran in Sioux Falls SD reconnected with them when they came down to do VBS with us in the North Cone of Lima. There, they found brothers and sisters who had been "abandoned." They asked if we could help. We responded.

As Levi and I walked down a dusty road in Lucumo, we stopped to talk to an elderly woman who was gathering and burning weeds. We asked for Fabiola Sanchez, and she pointed down the road. "Just check the house where the music always plays," she said. As we talked, she asked if we were Lutherans, and then mentioned former DCE Anthony Di Liberto. She put aside her work and accompanied us to her neighbor's house where we knocked. A sweet lady came and greeted us and told us how Anthony used to stay there, and they would share nispera (a sweet yellow fruit) and grapes. Then she went to pick some nispera for us. We shared copies of *Portales de Oracion* (Portals of Prayer) and prayers with these hospitable women before we continued our quest. Acts of kindness imprinted indelible memories on these people's hearts God's recalling workers who shared a cup of water and helped them put their lives together 9 years ago.



See more pictures from Lunajuana in this short video: <https://youtu.be/r5zyIcL55NY>

JESUS SAID, "UNLESS A MAN IS BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. JOHN 3:5 (ESV)



Through the waters of baptism Sam Ele Perez Grandez became a child of the Lord God most high on August 14, 2016. Markie looks on as godmother for Sam. His parents came to us from Chiclayo where they participated in a Lutheran Church. They recently moved to Lima so

his mother could study administration. Sam's father Jorge studied at the Norwegian Lutheran Seminary in Arequipa and is part of our pre-seminary program. He participates in our worship services in Los Olivos and San Borja. Praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy.



Steve Ku recently became a member of our congregation in San Borja. He started by attending services with his sister Estella, who frequently visited Peru with her husband Felix. Steve gained new understanding of the Bible through clear proclamation of the law and gospel. He also brings a wealth of knowledge to help us with a building project in our mercy house project in San Juan de Lurigancho. We welcomed Steve into membership after adult instruction. L to R, Steve, Estella, Felix



Prayer Requests

For our missionary family as we work together to cover our six mission sites: Markie and Herb Burch, Josh and Amanda Gale, Eddie and Melissa Hosch, Caitlin Worden and Levi Karth.

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