

The Williams Family



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God has been so good!

The Spirit of God has a unique way of renewing pastors as they come together to learn and encourage one another. It is marvelous to watch. In the past months, we have seen God at work, transforming lives and growing his church. We are grateful for all God has done as well as excited for all He will do in the coming months. As you read, please know this would not be possible without your investment. Thank you!



The Amazon Conference

My trip with Larry Cochran to Requena and Santa Maria, Peru went extremely well. We were joined by two Peruvian pastors, Wikinson and Desiderio, who taught alongside us. The pastors and church leaders soaked up the teaching on leadership and spiritual formation. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to bless the pastors who attended the conference with study Bibles...truly a blessing beyond words. The photo on the left is a pastor from Colombia receiving his study Bible.



Peruvian Red Zone Conference

In September, GO partnered with Wilkinson and Desiderio to host a conference for 300 pastors and leaders in Vrae, Peru, which is in the heart of drug trafficking territory. Not only do pastors in this area have no access to seminary or ministry training, they also feel isolated and alone due to the difficulty of ministry there. God powerfully met the pastors during the conference, touching their hearts in profound ways. After the conference, the pastors left encouraged, equipped and impassioned to continue their work.



Nicaragua Survey Trip

Oscar and his wife partner with churches in Nicaragua to feed over 3000 children daily at 40+ feeding stations. These are children who live in extreme poverty. One feeding station is located in a slum beside a garbage dump. The families survive on what can be scavenged and resold. This is poverty the likes of which I had never seen. Oscar partners with a courageous pastor who moved his family into the slum to plant a church. We are looking for ways to support Oscar and his ministry and to equip the 20 pastors and churches with whom he partners.



Ways you can volunteer

Give an eternal gift by investing in pastors and church leaders. There are more requests for investment than we have resources to provide. Would you be willing to help us? Here are just a few practical ways we can invest in the global church together:

- ▶ If you have some knowledge of Wordpress, you can help us with our new website.
- ▶ If you are willing to help with transcription, you can help me with the Cross-Cultural Training curriculum I am developing.
- ▶ If you speak Spanish, you can help me translate sermons and teaching materials.
- ▶ Can't help in any of the above....consider giving a financial gift to purchase Bibles or to help provide a training event.

Williams family news...



Samuel:

Sam finished his soccer season and was the #2 goal scorer for his team. He is really enjoying public school and loves to read. He is trying to beat the record for most minutes read at his school. Averaging 500 minutes a week, we think he has a chance!



Ruthie:

Ruthie is doing well at school and continues to use art and craft supplies as often as possible. She is excited about her ballet class and the upcoming recital. She will be playing a star and is continually dancing through the house to prepare.



Beth:

Beth loves preschool and her thirst for knowledge astounds us. She still loves ballet and playing with her new "BFF" from school. (Yes, she calls Mollie - BFF!) We are entering a really fun season as she blossoms and becomes more secure in our family.



Isaac:

Yes, this is our big news. We are working on the adoption of #4. Isaac is from Mainland China and lives in an orphanage in Southern China. He just turned 1 and could not be cuter if he tried. Our kids are thrilled!! We hope to bring him home early Fall of 2012.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- In December, our Peruvian partners will return to Santa Maria to do a pastors' conference. This conference will be a follow-up to the conference we held in May and will also draw pastors from 3 countries. Please pray for God to encourage and renew these pastors and leaders.
- Please pray for our adoption process as we work to bring Isaac home. The process can be trying. Please pray for us to have patience and to trust God through the process.
- Please pray for Bryan as he comes to the end of the Fall Semester at Asbury Seminary. This is a crazy time as he prepares for finals.
- We praise God for the way He has been so faithful to us over the last year. We also praise God for you all and for your prayers and support for us through this year of transitions. We are blessed to call you friends.

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New blog for family stories and adoption updates...

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