
FW: Thank you for praying for Tim and Barbara Whatley, missionaries in Peru

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Tim & Barbara Whatley
Missionaries in the Cusco Region of Peru
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Prayer Update - October, 2019



This is the Kiteni Church planting team: Left to right, Rolando and Gladis Árias, their children Paul and Grace, Joy Akkermann, Barbara and Tim

KITENI MINISTRY UPDATE:

The church plant here in Kiteni has been enjoying good attendance, several visitors and one salvation decision during the last month or so. Please pray for Maribel. As a new believer, she says she battles most with not being grouchy and negative toward her unsaved husband and young daughter. It is so encouraging to see how anxious she is to be Spirit-controlled in this area of her life. Please pray also for two twelve-year-old boys, Sebastián and Dany. They have been attending children's' classes faithfully and both admit to understanding that Christ died for their sins, but they both say they are afraid to ask for forgiveness and thank God for the payment

Christ made on the cross. We are convinced that time is of essence for these interested boys.

The surrounding village churches have been greatly encouraged by our return. After admitting that they didn't believe we'd be back, they promptly began scheduling workshops and training sessions. They are in a hurry to beat the November rains, since travel will become increasingly difficult. In the last couple of weeks, between Pastor Rolando and Tim, they have spent several valuable days instructing groups from at least 5 communities. Next week, October 6-12, leaders from over 14 churches are invited to intensive training sessions here in Kiteni. We will house and feed all who come, and they will receive class notes as Tim uses a Powerpoint presentation to teach about 8 hours a day. We will have special services most evenings to reach into the community. Most participants will help us with the equivalent of about \$6.50 or jungle farm produce like manioc root or green cooking bananas.



A Sunday morning service at the Kiteni Church. You can see the need for additional space.



Joy Akkermann's Sunday School class. The number of children has increased since this picture, so now Barb teaches the smaller children in this same class room, while Joy takes the older children across the street to the house we are in the process of buying and are now living in.

KITENI PROPERTY UPDATE:

We are excited to be in the midst of purchasing both adjoining target

properties that we will use to build the church building. Between complicated legalities and personal struggles, this is going to be a loong process. Please pray for the spiritual well-being of homeowners Ramon and Segundina, his wife. They both demonstrate a profound respect for God and His Word, but are paralyzed by a stubborn fear to get very close to Him. Felix, the other property owner, continues to battle untreated tuberculosis and his own spiritual conundrum. Having lost his wife in September, Peruvian law gives his sons part ownership of the property we are praying for. As you might deduce, this has not made the negotiations any easier. The sons live about 15 hours away and Felix is with them now.

The availability of both of these adjoining properties resolved an important issue in our construction plans - the lack of sufficient space. By the same token, we are investing far more into the property purchases than we had initially projected. Of course, we are getting a 2+ story house we had not expected! At any rate, Phase I of our building plans is being completely revamped to include the existing house. God has already burdened a church to send in \$5,000.00 toward construction! A trusted, experienced Christian builder hopes to come soon to Kiteni to help us update our projected costs. We currently have more than \$35,000.00 toward the actual building phase, but expect to need double that amount. Thank you for prayers for God's wisdom, timing and provision. Many church work teams from the USA are awaiting dates so they can schedule trips to assist in this exciting endeavor.



This is the house that we are in the process of buying for the church. It is also where we are currently living. The property just to the right is the other property we are in the process of buying. We hope to join both properties in order to have a large enough space for the church to meet in on the first floor. This is phase 1. Phase two will be to build up the second and third floors in order to have Sunday School rooms, bathroom facilities, etc. Obviously, this will necessitate a remodeling of the current house.



The church is currently meeting in a rented space in the building marked off on the right. The picture is taken from the roof of the house we are in the process of buying. As you can see, the city is putting in a new sewer line, so the street is all torn up.



Welcome to Kiteni! Taken from the door of the house we are buying for the church. You can see the church sign across the street. By the way, they are supposed to pave the street when they are done with the new sewer and water lines. We are pretty sure they will get it all done, but are concerned that it might not happen before the rainy season starts.

FAMILY UPDATE:

Our five youngest children are doing well in the USA. 18-year-old Caleb is adjusting to his college and work schedule at Bob Jones University. Fernando and Yulissa in Arin, Peru help much in our last church plant and in maintaining our base of operations. Alex and Flora, missionaries to the jungle about 16 hours from us, need

special prayer. Their area is experiencing constant power outages that last for months. The situation with Luisa and her daughters has become even more complicated, and there are communication obstacles that make it very difficult to reach that part of the jungle by phone. We pray God would bolster the faith and strengthen the bodies of Flora and Alex and all of the precious people plunged into increased isolation.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST FOR PERU AND THE USA:

Please take a moment to pray for the leaders and governments of both Peru and the USA. No term limits in the legislature have led to similar power struggles in both countries. You probably know about those struggles in the US, but let us give you some insight into the situation here in Peru.

Earlier this week, Peruvian President, Martín Vizcarra, officially "dissolved" the Peruvian Congress. Congress, which was in session at the time, immediately declared President Vizcarra to be an unconstitutional dictator. They also voted to suspend him from his duties for a year and immediately swore in the Vice President, Mercedes Araoz, as acting President. All branches of the military as well as the police force have sided with the president. As it turns out, the constitution does provide for the president to take the action he took, so long as those actions were justified by certain political conditions. It appears that those conditions did exist and it looks like Congress is out. The Vice President has since resigned as both acting president and as Vice President. We are praying for a peaceful resolution to this difficult situation Peru is going through, should God be so merciful.

Again, thank you for being a part of what God is doing in Peru.

Thriving where God plants us,

Tim & Barbara Whatley

PRAISE AND PRAYER:

- Praise the Lord for Kiteni funds! We are in the process of buying two adjoining properties, but the process is slow as the sellers have to process the legal paperwork in order to sell to us. This process could take several weeks or even months. In the meantime, we are already occupying the first property and will begin occupying the second one next week. We won't be able to start building until the purchases are finalized and we have all the right documentation.
- Please continue to pray for our daughter Briana. She is in McAllen, Texas teaching in a mission school. The Lord did provide for most of her support needs.
- We praise the Lord that our return to Peru went very smoothly. We had absolutely no difficulties in any of the airports or in customs in Lima. Our road trip up to Arin also went well. We have now made 3 trips between Arin and Kiteni. The Lord has given us safety on the road every time. Please continue to pray as we wind our way back and forth over dangerous roads between both places.
- Please pray also for the leadership workshop Tim will be teaching in Kiteni next week. We are expecting between 30 and 40 pastors and lay leaders to attend. We will be posting pictures and updates of this important event on our facebook.
- Please pray for the political situation here as the Peruvian Constitutional Tribunal sorts things out and as Peru gets ready for new congressional elections on January 26th, 2020.

Contact Information Update:

Barbara is now using Tim's old cell phone number in Peru. When calling from the US you need to dial 011-51-969-003-668. Tim's new cell number 011-51-984-513-187. Any cards or letters should be sent to our Field Address provided below

Praise the Lord we do have Internet in Kiteni now, so please feel free

to write to us at either of the email addresses also provided below.
We'd love to hear from you!

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