

Cuscotopia

News from a Church plant.

Proclaiming God's Word to move people with a passion for Him.



Do you like to party? Well, Cusco may be the city for you. Actually, knowing most of you personally I think you would be shocked by what I'm about to tell you.

Of the 22 festivals celebrated each year in Cusco, five are celebrations or reenactments of the past, two are pure fun and joy, and the rest, well here's a quick breakdown:

- 8 honor saints or virgins
- 2 worship a cross (each with their own story)
- 2 pay homage to a painting
- 1 worships a mountain believed to bring man closer to nature
- 1 worships and gives tribute to mother earth
- 1 remembers and reconnects with dead family members

The culture and people that we work with day in and day out is one deeply rooted in the belief of these traditions and "celebrations" for their redemption. It's a lifestyle that goes back generations and many years of deception. We firmly believe the Word of God is the only way, as Isaiah says, to "heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to



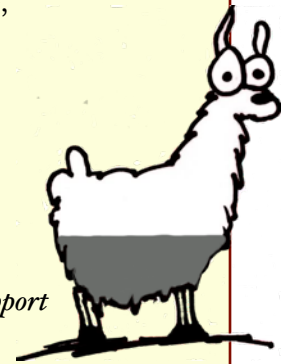
the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound." Do we think this is the only place in need? Not at all. We know, where each of you live today you see the same things. Our prayer is that the Lord uses this ministry to bless and encourage you and to glorify Him to the ends of the earth. Thank you for being someone we can share with!

We Need Help

Have you or someone you know, considered investing in this ministry? Your monthly support of \$10, \$20 or \$50 makes a difference. If a one-time tax-deductible gift towards a project suits you better, this month alone we have car repairs, (Kenneth) a pastor's conference to attend, passport renewals and a license for the cafe to obtain.

Investment: the investing of money or capital in order to gain a profitable return; a devoting, using, or giving of time, talent, emotional energy, etc. as for a purpose or to achieve something.

-The Support Llama



ISAIAH 61:1-3

Progress with the cafe has been painfully slow and we have been challenged to be patient in the process, but God is faithful, and we know He will meet us where government fails.

The Lord continues to move and work in our small core of believers. Recently after English Club a visitor prayed with her friend and gave her life to Christ. We had been praying for Maribel's salvation for months, and for months she refused to step foot in a church. English Club was a very non-confrontational place and it may have surprised her when a Bible was opened as the reading text, but the Lord knew. Maribel's face and enthusiasm bring tears of joy to our eyes every Wednesday when she, Jose and Ivan come over for discipleship.

Ivan is another young and hungry new believer who was brought to church by a friend. Even though his family belittles him for his new found faith, his heart and countenance radiate the new joy and peace he has in the midst of a very complicated family life.



As ministry life becomes more and more busy and full, we are aware that from time to time we need to recharge and come at things with new eyes and renewed vision. With that in mind, we have been praying that the Lord would

move and provide a way for us to visit the U.S. as a family this year.

It has been a full two and one half years since we have been back as a family and after a while, it begins to take it's toll on everyone. We begin to talk about the things we miss; the food, our friends, our family, and even the ridiculously hot, South Texas weather. As all of that creeps in, there can also be a growing disdain for the work that is being done.

We know that the enemy wants nothing more than to destroy the family unit, and we

truly want to avoid giving him a foothold in our lives and ministry. Will you prayerfully consider giving generously this month so that we would be able to purchase tickets and come home for the holidays? It would be a blessing beyond blessing for our family.

The amount needed at this time in order for that to happen would be about \$5,500. I know this is a lot to ask as times are tight, but again, it is an investment in the ministry as well as a blessing to our family.

HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THIS MINISTRY?



We would be honored for you to join us in this ministry by one or all of three ways: 1) Prayer - this is the foundation of all ministry for the Lord. 2) Giving -Ministry support can be made at www.coahmissions.org/give.html -"Dujay" in the drop down menu 3) Travel - We would love to host you and/or a team for a mission trip here to Cusco. Thank you!