

AN UPDATE FROM RACHEL FREESE

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## NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Monterrico Christian School is beginning its new school year on Thursday, March 1. This is the eleventh year of the school's operation and this year the school will add ninth grade. I have the opportunity this year to teach Bible to the eighth grade. This group of eighth graders includes some of those I taught in kindergarten my first year at the school in 2004. How time has flown! I am excited to teach them again. I will also be teaching music to the primary aged children, as usual. My other main project continues to be the development of a systematic theology curriculum for children. Please pray for balance and wisdom in each of these.

## VBS

Since my return to Peru December 6, many exciting things have happened. My friend Cecilia and I became aware of a church about 30 minutes away that has a great need for teachers. The church is located in Santa



We offered to provide teachers for their VBS, which ran February 6-10. The Lord provided enough teachers and we enjoyed a great week of serving the children and church workers. I was able to teach the 10-12 year olds, which I really enjoyed.



READY TO LEARN

Clara, in a neighborhood called Hijos de Apurimac. The area is very poor and is located on a hillside covered with rocks and dirt. We visited one Sunday and, in conversation with the pastor and his wife, found that they were hoping to hold a VBS this year, but thought that they didn't have enough teachers to be able to do so.

Many of these children do not regularly attend services at the church. Please pray for those who are not yet saved, as well as for their families. Also pray about the possibility we have to minister in this church long-term.

GAME TIME!!!!



THE WHOLE VBS TEAM

# LADIES' RETREAT!

This past week, Cecilia and I had the opportunity to help out at a ladies' retreat held by my friend and colleague Dorothy Budd, in northern Peru. Many of the ladies who attended are faithful to her Wednesday evening Bible studies, but there were also a couple of unsaved ladies. There were thirteen of us total and the topic was Extreme Beauty.

I had the opportunity to lead music and each two of the five sessions and Cecilia helped with games and much more. Over the course of the weekend, I also had a couple of counseling opportunities with two precious ladies.

The subject matter had to do with accepting our identity in Christ, thereby overcoming insecurities and fears. More than one lady opened up and shared some of their deepest hurts, which helped to further bond the group together.

Please pray for Flor T. and Magaly who are both dealing with deep pain from different issues in their

past. Please also pray for Gloria and Flor, who heard very clear gospel presentations, but have not yet accepted Christ. Please pray for Olga, Charo, and the rest of the ladies who are saved, but whose husbands are not.

Dorothy and her husband Glenn are working with this group of ladies as part of their church-planting ministry among the middle-upper class in the city of Chiclayo. I was thrilled to be able to see how the ladies responded to what God showed them. I am also excited to see what He will do with them in the future.

Getting the gift bags ready



Music during the sessions



Game time that turned into a water fight



Team work serving snacks!



Spa treatment for the ladies