

APRIL | FIRST | TWO THOUSAND & SEVEN

God is SO BIG!

Life... Peruvian Style

Nine Days + 15 New Friends + 4100 Miles From Home = An Adventure!

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support. Whether it was financial, prayers or encouragement, it was greatly needed, and it went a long way! I want to do the impossible... I will attempt to sum my trip up in this short letter. I would never be able to convey what happen in Peru. It was a life changing experience. But here are some highlights! Our team arrived there safely and we were greeted warmly by our new Peruvian friends. We learned a lot about their culture and priorities. It's all about Faith and Family. There passion to serve God and their love for people is something I wish I could bottle up and take home. There is something very different, very honest and pure about their lives... very different in contrast to America. In comparison, our American way of life seems so polluted and complicated. Hmm... I wonder if Kita would mind a small move? Yeah... right. I have learned that where ever **you** go... there **you** are. I don't think God is done with us in Minnesota yet!

The neighborhood in Lima (the capital of Peru) we called home is known as Bocanegra. It does not have the best reputation, so we were told. But we felt the protection of the Lord, and our team was safe the entire trip. So when we arrived, we had some idea's about what we were going to be doing... but we told the Pastor of the church we partnered with that we were there to serve. And serve we did! We found out we raised enough extra funds (thanks to our supporters!) to actually tear down and rebuild TWO homes! The church chose 2 deserving families in the neighborhood and we gave them a gift they were NOT expecting! And the gift was from the Lord, we were merely the deliverers of a message of love and kindness.

In addition, we went out in the community every day and spent tons of time with the kids of Bocanegra. The neighborhood, much like most of Peru, is very poor. However, the people we met were so rich with joy and happiness, it was amazing! I will never forget the kids! They were not shy... they would run up to us with a volleyball or a soccerball and challenge the gringo's to a game... which we usually lost. Oh yeah, and at The Rock House Churches we held a little toy and craft supply drive... we brought 15 suitcases backed with stuff for the kids! And you should have seen their faces when we passed them out! Indescribable! The Church there was not able to afford crayons for the kids, so we gave them bags full!

I am just about out of room, to sum my trip. I went over 4000 miles to discover how big God really is. I learned a big lesson about contentment from my fellow Peruvians. Materially, compared to USA, they have next to nothing, however, they have everything they need. Only with God can you own nothing but possess everything. It is a beautiful thing.



Thanks again for being a part of this amazing journey with me!
--- Dan Rollins

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Extreme Home Makeover: Peru Edition!

While we were in Bocanegra, our team had the opportunity to impact lives spiritually AND physically. Thanks to the support we raised, we had enough extra money to build TWO homes! You can see in the photo's here, there was quite a transformation! The BEFORE photo show what many of the homes in the city look like. They use various supplies to create a place to call home. Misc. pieces of wood, metal, cardboard, fabric and rocks.... they make it work. They remind us that happiness is NOT based on your circumstance. It is the state of being thankful for what you have. God Bless Bocanegra!

