



We spent the month of March serving in Peru - Curahuasi, Cusco, Pisac, Huancayo and Lima to be exact. Read below for an update.

## CURAHUASI

Last year we accepted the invitation to spend five days at the Diospi Suyana clinic 2.5 hours by car from Cusco (see photo of the road to Curahuasi). This year we returned and it felt like coming home to family. We were blessed that 120 missionaries – doctors, nurses, administrators, radio technicians, engineers, teachers and more – took the weekend off to spend time with us in renewal. Due to the multiple nationalities present – German, Austrian, Dutch, Peruvian and more – the common language was Spanish. We developed the weekend around “Pilgrimage” and dedicated much time to personal reflection and sharing. Then we dedicated the next two days to personal follow up.



## CUSCO



Losing team members or adding team members can be difficult. But when both happen at the same time, the transition can become complicated. This is the current situation of a church plant team in Cusco. We spent one day with the team focused on the spiritual realities of transition and “running a relay”. Day two was spent discussing strategies for decision making and “passing the baton.” We highly respect this young group and the work they have already accomplished; it will be a joy to watch as they continue to grow together.

## PISAC RETREAT



After taking a couple of days to rest, we guided teams from Cusco, Arequipa, Huancayo and Lima in a renewal retreat in Pisac. At this annual retreat, we strive to concentrate all the spiritual time in the mornings so that the afternoons can be family time. The twenty-one adult participants had their hands full with the nineteen children. With some creative thinking, everyone still found time in the afternoon for sports together, shopping at the local artisan market and even hiking to local ruins.

This annual retreat has become significant not only for the spiritual renewal that takes place but also for the relationships that have developed. Often missionaries feel isolated in their life and work; by coming together annually they are able to move from isolation to community.

## TEAM AND FAMILY VISITS

After Pisac, we dedicated ourselves to time with individuals and families. Easter was spent in Huancayo where the Davis and McEntire families are doing a wonderful job connecting locally in spite of many unexpected personal setbacks. It is obvious that a strong community is already forming.

In Lima, our time was spent with the Thompson and Clancy families which are in the latter years of their work. Their community is now taking major steps in local leadership as the missionaries plan their departure.

In addition to time in Huancayo and Lima, we were blessed to spend time with Anher Sanchez, formerly of our old congregation in Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela. Like 500,000 other Venezuelans, Anher has fled his homeland in the past two years to start over in another country. Please pray for the situation in Venezuela where the refugee migration now rivals that of Syria.



## PRAYER REQUESTS AND PLANS

1. Leadership retreat for Latino ministers near Austin, TX.
2. Preparation for Brazil and Guatemala retreats.
3. Visits to Argentina and Chile



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