

# The Taylor's Newsletter

## Peru Crisis

Well a lot has been happening over here since our last update! In case you aren't aware Peru has had a sudden political and social crisis. The government have declared a national state of emergency for 30 days and we currently have a military enforced curfew (from 8pm to 4am). The streets have been full of protestors (some of them violent with over 20 people being killed), roads have been blocked (causing shortages of supplies and rises in prices) airports and transport hubs have been taken over or closed and the whole country has been brought to a standstill.



Please know that we are all well, we feel safe in our house and the majority of the protests are peaceful. The current situation is disturbing but at the same time it's a great opportunity to be out on the streets praying God's peace and resolution over the people, the city and the country.

Whilst out praying we have been taking in the surroundings and speaking to locals, the evidence of destruction, continued resistance and much fear and anger is overwhelming. We would love to share some of the main prayer points with you so that you can join in praying with us.

Locals are concerned for...

- \* Whether they'll have enough food to feed their families whilst places stay shut, produce is unable to arrive & prices rise considerably
- \* Their children's education whilst all schools continue to be closed
- \* How they will earn money whilst there are no tours to sell, tourists cancelling their trips here & no tourists entering the country
- \* Their own safety whilst surrounded by violence
- \* The future for their country whilst it continues to be ruled in a corrupt manner.

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus during this Christmas season two specific bible verses come to mind. Join us in praying these words over the people here in Cusco...

Luke 2:10-11 - But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Isaiah 9:6 - For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Jesus, may your spirit bring this country peace, wisdom, and comfort. Amen

Amongst the turmoil and in some of the 'truce days' we have managed to continue with some of our planned activities (see photos on the right) Also, we are sad to announce that, understandably due to the current situation, our friends will not be joining us in Cusco for Christmas.



With locals and farmers fearing for their crops - the rainy season has belatedly started.



With continued strikes and protests the bin collections have ceased leaving streets full of rubbish



Helen delivered a beautiful Christmas message at our church dinner for over 120 children from local communities.



Faith competed in an International gymnastics competition and won Gold on the vault!



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