THE REINHARDT REPORT

"5 ...Why seek ye the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee," Luke 24:5-6

We pray you all had a blessed month of April, especially celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! April is always a special month for us. It's the month we originally arrived in Peru and also returned from Peru. It's the month we celebrate the anniversary of Faith Baptist in Cusco, and it is also the month the Lord called me to preach (30 years ago)!

Easter: This was our first Resurrection Day celebrating in Spanish since we returning from Peru. We were blessed to worship two different times with the groups from Fairfield and Dayton. The Saturday night before Easter we invited the group from Dayton to our house for a meal and Bible study. Rebecca cooked a traditional Easter Sunday dinner for the group to try. They loved it! Afterwards we studied the different reactions to Jesus' resurrection from Matthew 28. *Pray for us to see fruit as we continue to deepen these relationships and make new ones.* We had a good Easter Sunday service in Fairfield in which we stressed the importance of Jesus' resurrection. This may seem normal in our culture, but when working with hispanics it is always important to make a big deal of the resurrection. Hispanic culture tends to focus on Christ's crucifixion, His pain and suffering. While these were definitely necessary equally necessary was His resurrection. Often, we who have grown up in the U.S., take this for granted but in the Hispanic community it is a needed emphasis. Both services this month were up and down in attendance, but we thank the Lord for the faithful ones He gives to encourage us.

Outreach: The turn in the weather has allowed us to be out in the different communities knocking doors and inviting people to church. It has also allowed us to visit various Hispanic supermarkets to give out tracts and fliers. We are finding it more effective to visit the places Hispanics frequent at peak hours rather than canvassing neighborhoods. The challenge in canvassing is not knowing if a Spanish-speaker is going to be on the other side of the door. In Fairfield and Cincinnati we have found whole neighborhoods of Spanish-speakers. In Dayton we have only found pockets here and there within a neighborhood. That being said, the Lord gave us several good conversations in both English and Spanish and we look forward to continued outreach this spring and summer. I was also able to be a part of a town hall meeting at Belmont High School in Dayton. It was a good opportunity to meet many educators from Dayton Public Schools.

<u>Faith Baptist</u>: I hope that you do not get tired of short updates about the work in Cusco. Many of you supported the ministry there for so many years and continue to do so, and I want to make sure you are aware of happenings there. Pastor Paul and his wife had several evangelistic activities during the weekend of Easter with the kids, youth, and adults. On Friday night they had a special activity with the parents and children who attend the Kids Club and were able to present the gospel to them. On Saturday they had an activity for the youth and on Sunday, after the service, they had a time of food and fellowship. This month they also celebrated the 13th anniversary of Faith Baptist. They took up special offerings to start work on several building projects as well. Paul was greatly encouraged by the people's willingness to give what they could and to work.

Prayer Request:

- 1) Pray for boldness to give the gospel and wisdom to seize the opportunities. The issue of illegal immigration is making it harder for us to approach people without them fearing us or who we are with, and deters many from open conversations. This same issue is deterring some from attending church as well.
- 2) Pray for Natali and Neomi as they finish up their last month of Project Life. They have thoroughly enjoyed this year and are already gearing up for Project Search starting in August.
- 3) Continue to pray for the salvation and spiritual growth of those we are working with.
- 4) Continue to pray for Spanish-speaking co-laborers.

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Easter fellowship



Town Hall Meeting



Easter lunch at Faith Baptist