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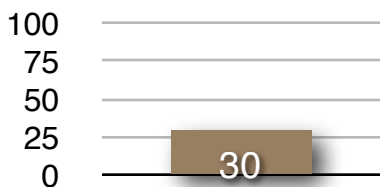
For Such a Time as This

Growing up in Peru allowed me to experience many different things. During my high school years, Peru went through a time of tremendous inflation, 666% in 1988, and 3,399% in 1989. To try to stabilize the economy, the government changed the currency name and dropped three zeros (1,000 became 1). Six years later, they did it again. In other words, it would be like you having 1 million dollars in your bank account today and then in a period of six years, the government tells you that the 1 million is now equal to 1. The government did finally start to get control of the economy and over the last few years Peru has had one of the strongest economies in South America.

What is interesting about this time period, is that during the harder financial times people were more open to the gospel. As their finances became stronger, it seemed as if the people began to rely more on their own strength and did not have need for God.

We can see this pattern with Israel and I believe we can see it also here in the United States. As our economy has been strong, our faith in God seems to have waned. Is it possible that we are facing tough economic times to cause people to realize that they cannot trust in riches but need to trust in God? "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;" (1 Timothy 6:17) "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:20-21)

Let us use this opportunity to be bold witnesses as people may be realizing the futility of trusting in riches and may be open to hearing the gospel.



Current Support

Ministering in other churches

We have had the opportunity to present our ministry in several churches in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. We have a few more meetings here in Pennsylvania before heading out west for about five weeks for meetings in Oklahoma, Colorado and Illinois. A complete schedule of our meetings is available at www.surrett.org.

Ministering around home

This last week, I had the opportunity to go out again with a friend from church to downtown Harrisburg to hand out tracts and share the gospel. We talked to several college students at the Amtrak station who were headed back to college after spring break. I talked to one engineering student who was very receptive to the gospel though he did not make a decision. We also went down to the river front and talked to a group of men who were enjoying a brown bag special. As we talked to them, it was amazing how they seemed to know much of the gospel and agree with what we were saying but knowing and obeying are not the same thing. We challenged them to recognize their need for Christ and to obey what they knew.

Preparing for Ministering in Peru

This year's team continues to prepare for ministry in Peru. We have contacted some of the pastors in Peru and are filling in our schedule.

Special Ministry Opportunity

Computers have made it much simpler to study the Bible and to prepare messages but many pastors in Peru cannot afford them. Due to certain tax laws, we are allowed to take in laptops without having to pay the 20% taxes that we would for desktop computers. If you have a laptop that you would be willing to donate, we can take them with us this summer and give them out to pastors. Please send any laptops to our home address by the end of May. These do not need to be new laptops.

Prayer Requests

- * That God will keep us safe and sane (two adults plus three kids in a minivan for hours upon hours) as we travel visiting churches
- * That God will lead us to the right churches for partnering in the ministry
- * That each team member of this year's short term trip will be preparing their hearts and minds for glorifying God in all that we do and that fruit may abound in their lives and in the lives with which we come in contact

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