

## The Beans'Talk: Update from Mark and Patti Bean

Translating God's Word for Quechua speakers in central Peru

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### Whew! A crazy exit!

The last week of our March OT workshop was extra full. Administrators came to visit. Former colleagues arrived to help close down the translation center. As soon as the workshop ended we moved all the computers and equipment to our newly rented house. Then we packed suitcases and left Huanuco late one night on the bus to come to the States.

Sometime after midnight the bus stopped. The stewardess announced that the road ahead was going to be closed for three days and we were going back. So, at about two in the morning we found ourselves back where we had started!

Now what! We had an international flight to catch! We decided to try back roads. So, at 5:30 in the morning, we caught a car with two other passengers and wound our way along narrow roads, up, up, up into the mountains, changing cars about four hours into the trip. Climbing past snow-capped mountains and spectacular drop-offs, our plan was to get up to a crossroads at 13,200 feet and wait along the road for a bus to pass by.

It was cold and windy, with rain beginning to fall. We hoped that there would be a roof we could stand under and we wouldn't have to wait long. We didn't! As soon as we arrived, there was a large bus stopped to take on passengers. We quickly jumped on, and within a minute we rolled out on our way to the coast. God sure put that together!

Want to hear the extra praise in this adventure? Normally we fly out the same day our bus arrives in Lima. This time we'd planned

to get some dental help, so we had scheduled an extra day in Lima. That meant we were not stressed out wondering if we'd make it down in time to catch our flight. We missed the dentist, but not the flight. Whew!

### A warm welcome

We arrived in Ohio to sleet and snow. But, the welcomes by people have been very warm. One greeter at church saw us from a distance, left her post and came running down the church hall to give us each a big hug. (Thanks, Carol!)



### "On the road" and other travels

Today we woke up in Wisconsin and enjoyed a super breakfast that included rye toast. Two things we don't usually get: toast and rye bread. We're on the road visiting supporting churches and families.

We'll be back in Ohio early May. Then, after a few days that include getting a tune-up for Patti's cochlear implant, we'll be traveling again, but this time on vacation!

May 10-21<sup>st</sup> we'll join Ernie & Sarah in Hawaii. Ernie will graduate from the University of Hawaii and be commissioned into the army. We are delighted that our son Andy, his wife Rachel, our daughter Emily, and our mom will all be there, too. What a special vacation time! Only Eric will be missing. He's headed to north Africa this summer for a

three month internship with a mission agency.

### Ice cream treats for who?

Back in the States, on our first visit to the grocery store we stopped in the ice cream aisle. While looking for some favorite flavors we discovered that there are ice cream treats for dogs! We don't remember ever seeing those before. Later we saw a commercial for doggie cookies that you bake and give fresh from the oven. Food for thought.

Thanks for praying!

- for safe travels.
- that we might be an encouragement to those we meet with.
- for super family time with Ernie & Sarah, Andy & Rachel, Emily and Mom Bean.

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