

HAPPY NEW YEAR to each of you! We appreciate you and who you are and the support that many of you are for us. Although we don't keep in contact as often as we'd like to, you are always in our thoughts and prayers and we consider you as part of our team to reach boys and girls and their families for Jesus Christ. Thanks so much for praying and having interest in all that Scripture Union is doing in Peru as well as wanting to know what is going on in the Clark family here in Peru. **Paul has written a letter below which speaks for itself.** Just before reading that, however, I have added some highlights for each of us this past year. With love, Marty

HIGHLIGHTS FOR OUR FAMILY DURING 2009:

- Good health and the ability to keep working in what we love in many areas of Scripture Union as well as the Union Church of Lima where we are members. Paul continues as General Director. Marty is on the Board at the Union Church as Chairman of the Fellowship Committee which involves organizing luncheons, dinners, and other social events.
- Marty had the wonderful experience of attending her 50th class reunion at the University of Mary Washington in Virginia, thanks to our son, Johnny, who made it possible.
- Having Phoebe (our oldest granddaughter) live with us and finish her last two years of high school and graduate in June.
- Paul's overseeing the construction of another Street Boys home in KIMO which should open this year and having the joy of seeing 240 boys in 6 other homes throughout the country.
- Our excitement as we observe over 56 children who come to the deaf center to learn to 'speak' in their own language – signing – and being able to communicate, many for the first time to family members. Scripture Union rents this facility and we are praying for our own place soon in the future.
- Seeing women in Lima coming to know Christ through Bible Studies (Community Bible Study) and growing in their faith through weekly Women's Fellowship meetings.
- Watching the offices and our street boy center in Lima moving temporarily an hour out of Lima to Chosica. As a commercial center (mall) is constructed in downtown Lima on the land we sold, we plan to use some of that money to build a new home for the boys as well as find adequate office space – either in something already built or build our own place.

Celebration in the Clark Family

For all our family, the 28th of January will be a day of celebration and gratefulness. Just 50 years ago Marty arrived in Callao after two weeks of travel by ship from New York! The biggest day of her life was two years later when she met Jesus as her Saviour and Lord. From then on, Peru came to occupy a very important place in her life. Barely two months later, she met me and a year later, we were married. Our next anniversary will be #47.

During these years God has blessed us with three children whom we love deeply. We are filled with deep gratitude knowing that they came to know Jesus as their Savior when they were young and have maintained that relationship with God all these years.

Due to this special occasion, at the end of January we will have the entire family here in Peru. We will definitely be celebrating!!

Let me share with you a brief summary of the clan:

Janie thinks of herself as Peruvian even though she lives in San Diego, California – to her delight, just a few kilometers from the border with Mexico. She told me once that if you walk along the beach, eventually you would arrive in Kawai, where each of our children has gone to Scripture Union camps. Phoebe (18) and Ashley (16) are her daughters born in Peru. Phoebe lived with us in Chaclacayo these past two years finishing high school. She now lives in Texas with her Uncle Johnny and works there. Soon, she plans to continue her studies in California. She returned in mid-December to spend more time with us and to join in the big celebration. Ashley arrived on November 25th and will be with us until February 4th. She is a lovely girl. She helps her mother and Tim, Janie's husband, with Jared (10) and Alexandra (8). They attend New Horizons Christian Church, where Phoebe and Ashley were baptized. The children have in Janie a mom (and we a daughter) who is talented, fun to be with and generous as only she can be.

Johnny is the instigator and organizer of the January get-together as he was for the cruise in the West Indies last year that our three children gave us for our wedding anniversary. He is sincere, generous, and loving - the most formal of our three. Johnny or 'Quiriquincho' as I've called him since a little boy, has a partner, Joseph, with whom he has lived for more than 10 years. They have their own home in Dallas and have been approved by the state of Texas as 'foster parents' with the desire to adopt one or two little ones. They have already had two beautiful kids (Cailee and Jacob) while the state found their grandparents who accepted to raise them. Then, they had 2 brothers: Ethan and Deja. Eventually, they were given to an aunt. At the moment, they have a precious little 16 month old Christopher whose mother is only 16 and on drugs and whose father is in jail. Johnny held managerial positions in the Marriott hotels in Chicago, Charlotte, Lima, Dallas, and St. Kitts (Antilles) before taking on the job of a consultant in a company that audits quality control in hotels. This has him traveling inside the United States and frequently in Mexico. Marty and I have been with them to their Church, Cathedral of Hope, in Dallas.

Billy, as most of you know, works with Scripture Union as Director of International Relations. Since S.U. has several partnerships with foreign agencies and receives more than 600 visitors per year, he has a big task to fulfill. Being fully bilingual and bicultural is a huge advantage for his job. Yashmin and Billy have three beautiful daughters: Grace (9), Faith (7) and Hope (5). The three are kind, affectionate, and have a good sense humor which we see in Billy along with the virtues so prominent in Yashmin. The

girls are fortunate to have all four grandparents nearby, and we have the chance to spoil them a bit. They attend the New life Church in La Molina and their daughters attend the school that the Church sponsors, La Molina Christian School.

As a family, we have experienced the love, forgiveness and faithfulness of God. We have not always pleased Him. Not everything has been what we wanted. Over the years, God in his grace has taught us much. We have learned to collect stones if necessary, but not throw them; respect our differences and celebrate our virtues. We have accompanied our children in quite difficult situations as did our parents with us. Not for one moment have we stopped loving them. Now we ask for the same grace of God for our 7 grandchildren and for those that possibly may come.

Finally, I will never stop thanking God for bringing my beloved Marty to Callao, my birthplace, on 28 January 1960!

Paul