

October 15, 2011

Dear Sponsoring Congregations, Friends and Family,

Greetings to you from Lima, Peru! Here at "Cristo Rey" Lutheran church, we are getting ready and excited for the annual Reformation Sunday celebration, when all 10 congregations of the Peruvian Evangelical Lutheran Church (ILEP) that are here in the capital city gather together for worship and lunch! Even though we are all in Lima, it takes about an hour to travel from one congregation to another. This year the hosting congregation is "Belen" in the central district of Breña in Lima. Cristo Rey will rent a bus so we can all arrive together. (The electric train is almost completed! For sure by next year we will be able to zip around this huge city faster.)



Tom, Tana and Anthony

Our *Estrellitas de Jesús* (Little Stars of Jesus) girls' choreography ministry is practicing hard learning some new liturgical dance moves for the Reformation celebration. We've been selling pieces of cake after church raising money to buy material for their new dresses. (My waist line is expanding a bit - we are eating lots of cake!) Rosa, in our church, has volunteered to sew them their matching flowing red dresses they designed for the occasion. If you have heard the popular Latin American praise song, "*Si tienes fe como un granito de mostaza*" (from Matthew 17:20), then you know that the music for their choreography is very upbeat and lively!



Oscar sanding boards

Oscar, a middle aged computer programmer, husband and father of three, came up with the idea to show "the Martin Luther movie" next Sunday after church to gear up for the Reformation celebration and to provide a crash course in Reformation history for those new to Cristo Rey. Thankfully Oscar is organizing everything, making invitations, popping popcorn, and transforming our sanctuary into a neighborhood cinema for the day.

Roberto staining wood



One more piece of news I want to share is that I have started teaching, one night a week, at the UBL Seminary (*Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana*). Its main campus is actually in Costa Rica, but there is a small satellite campus here in Lima. I teach homiletics (preaching), and it so much fun! I have twelve students, and the class is so diverse! Two Lutherans (from ILEP), one Catholic Benedictine monk, one Mennonite, one Presbyterian, and six Pentecostals from a variety of independent churches (such as the "Union Pentecostal Church of the Sower of the Seed," "The Peruvian

Church of God of Prophecy," "The Evangelical Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ," etc.) There is never a dull moment. The students are great.

Have a wonderful Reformation Sunday, a meaningful All Saints Day, and a happy Halloween or *Día de los Muertos*. You are in our prayers.

En Cristo,  
Pastora Dana



**DESCRIPTION of PHOTOS:** Oscar, Roberto and Tom (and our kids) – working to make three flights of staircases safer for the Sunday school children (...so they won't slip and fall through the railings)!

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