

OIKOS - A new season...



Abi with the new intern

A HUGE thank you to everyone who prayed for us after the last prayer letter we sent out - we have seen some incredible breakthroughs and have really felt a shift into a new season. Thank you also to those who sent us encouraging emails and told us that you were praying for us - it makes such a difference!

Praise:

1. After a process that took 6 weeks, Daniel and Joel have now started school (there will be a place for Kaleb in August). It has been a big change for us all with a long commute and early mornings, but the boys are beginning to adjust and are enjoying school and making friends.
2. Anna is feeling SO much better - this is a huge answer to prayer - she is feeling much more like herself again after several months of struggling with PTSD, anxiety and depression. She is beginning to get involved with just a few ministry things again very slowly, whilst adjusting to only homeschooling one child rather than 3 for the next couple of months!
3. Provision for the US. We are still planning to have a bit of time out as a family in the US in the Summer, which God has financially provided for.

Prayer:

1. With a long commute to school for the boys, we really need a vehicle again. We are able to borrow money to buy a vehicle but it will reduce our monthly support by about 400GBP / US\$600, so we would love for God to provide towards some of the cost of the vehicle up front. We are hoping to get an 8-passenger vehicle which will aide in ministry travel needs too. If you would be interested in giving a one time gift towards this, please let us know!

2. The boys are adjusting to school but it is a huge change for them, especially Daniel, who has never been in any form of formal education. Please pray that they would make some good friends and continue to rise to the challenges of homework (gasp!) and being very tired.
3. Mark in running the Lima marathon on the 20th May and has found the preparation more challenging than last year. He is running to raise money for Casa de Paz. If you would like to sponsor him (even \$5/ 5GBP can go a long way and help provide hot meals!) then you can find out more by visiting https://oikosperu.tumblr.com/casadepaz?mc_cid=459ff89589&mc_eid=8c1111b636
4. There is a new couple at church with very challenging marriage issues - would you pray with us for unity and protection for them and wisdom for us as a church as we support them both?
5. We have welcomed a new intern, Abi, to our house and community. She will be learning Spanish and volunteering in Casa de Paz. Would you pray for her as she settles in?

Thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement - we so appreciate it and are so grateful to God for our wider community and support.

Love,

Mark, Anna, Daniel, Joel and Kaleb



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