



# Spreading the Fire



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## Greetings

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It's update time! It's hard to believe two months have just flown by since arriving in Peru, but that doesn't mean there's little to update on!

**My Spanish lessons are coming along well.** Due to a stomach bug for a day or two during the Holy Week of Easter, I wound up missing a couple of classes and falling behind my class. I find myself in a private one on one session for 3 hours a day instead of 4 with the group, but that doesn't mean it is any less tiring on my mind. At the time of writing this, I'm beginning my intermediate lessons. I can get by in public speaking and understanding some Spanish, but my vocabulary is pretty limited, especially when it comes to 'christianese.' But I'm loving learning this language and being able to witness in public a little bit about why Christ has led me to this culture.



**We also began holding our own church services on Sunday afternoons** for the past month in a boardroom at the school the Smiths' kids attend. We call ourselves Centro de Fuego (The Fire Center) and we've been averaging about 20 adults. We are believing in the months to come that we'll gradually grow as we engage in more evangelistic outreach and as we work with other churches in the area to put on a **conference in August**. At the time of writing this, I just preached the last Sunday on the fire of God and living a life that is 'imperishable' in the presence of God's fire.

**I recently got my Peruvian religious worker's visa, enabling me to legally stay in the country for the next five years** and only pay about \$40 per year to renew it. It's such a relief for me because in spending the lion's share of the last 8 years of my life living in other countries besides my native one, I've never had such an easy time obtaining a visa as this nor have I heard of people having such an easy time obtaining theirs for the country their serving Him in. So, I count this a humbling honor that the Lord is paving the way for me to legally live here and afford Spanish classes on top of my deputation expenses. Praise Him!

**Please keep in prayer:** Centro de Fuego--not specifically for the numbers of our fellowship but for the impact we can make for the kingdom of God here. The conference we're putting on in August already involves networks of pastors who assure us we should expect at least 700 people to turn out since the event is free and we're giving out Derek Prince books in Spanish. The director of *FIRE International*, Dr. Peters, will be one of the key speakers along with the representative from Derek Prince Ministries. A long time missionary to the



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Philippines by the name of Mike Bailey and Andy Pricer, a *FIRE* missionary to Mexico, are going to be involved and we're seeking for nothing less than the presence of God to show up and impact lives in a permanent way.

**And finally, if you've never checked out the *Fire On Your Head* podcast**, please do so (visit [www.fireonyourhead.com](http://www.fireonyourhead.com) or search for us in iTunes). I always take the first 5 to 10 minutes to update what I'm up to on the mission field or wherever I find myself at the time of recording them before getting into interviews with other ministers or theological discussions. We're going to be having more involvement on the show from writers from the *Fire On Your Head* blog ([www.fireonyourhead.org](http://www.fireonyourhead.org)), and I've been using that along with others who have a gift for writing as a creative outlet for some writings God has stirred in us.

Thank you for your continued prayer, friendship, and support.

Blessings and fire on your head

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