

THE BOEKER FAMILY

Serving the Lord by serving the Quechua people

NEWSLETTER

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In front of Diospi Suyana Hospital – Joah is wearing his birthday crown, he's now three years old.



Diospi Suyana

With your support we work at Diospi Suyana Hospital as gynecologist and orthopedic surgeon to help the Indians of the Peruvian Andes.

¡CURAHUASI! OUR NEW HOME – AND THERE'S A LOT TO DO.

We moved once again. This time it was a little adventurous. We needed to find a moving company that could be trusted to transport the new appliances and furniture. Quite a task in a third world country full of



Early in the morning, ready to leave Arequipa

corruption. After we finally booked a moving company the truck arrived on Saturday instead of the arranged following Monday. This meant we had to finish packing quickly. Better this way though than the truck being late, which could have happened also.

We drove 14 hours through Peru with our own (yes, our own!) car. What a blessing, our drive wasn't interrupted by neither a landslide (which happens often on Peruvian streets during rainy season) nor a road block caused by a strike. We had a great short stopover after the first of three stages at Lake Titicaca. We visited the famous swimming islands and were amazed by the beautiful colors of the



On top of Curahuasi's backyard mountain

nature around Puno. We had perfect travelling weather and arrived safe and sound in Curahuasi.

Now we started working a few hours a day already and the boys started in school and kindergarten. But most

If life is sweet say thank you and celebrate.
If life is bitter say thank you and grow.

Shauna Niequist

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**PERU IS PERU.
BUT WE ARE THE BOEKER FAMILY AND WILL FIND SOLUTIONS.**

SEM BOEKER, SIX YEARS OLD

Done!

- ✓ We managed to get our residence permits and our Peruvian drivers licenses.
- ✓ We completed language school by giving a speech in Spanish
- ✓ We are proud owners of a Andes-appropriate car



Our moving truck driving up our "street"

hours of the day right now are filled with settling in to our new home. We didn't have running water for a couple of days (due to a broken pipe which supplies the neighborhood we live in), but instead we had heavy rain coming through our roof. The roof was (and still needs to be) sealed and reworked. The wet walls haven't dried off yet as we now have several leakages of pipes within our house.

Welcome to the Andes!

Being without running water from time to time is something we already had to deal with in Arequipa. Caused by the extraordinarily heavy and continuous rain in January, landslides in the mountains broke water pipes, so 700000 people didn't have running water for days, us included. Only after experiencing such times one realizes

how important water is for daily life. Showering, brushing your teeth, flushing the toilet, doing laundry and the dishes, all those things are only possible after carrying canisters of water.

The water supply here in Curahuasi also is very problematic, because the pipes are insufficient and water is being wasted, which results in not having enough for everyone.

The poverty in Curahuasi is very present and obvious. We are excited to finally tackle some of the problems.

As he started developing his new department now Tim must organize and establish proper work processes as well as improve hygienic circumstances in the operating room to lay out the basis. Most of his surgical material has arrived in Curahuasi. Starting this

summer (which is the Peruvian winter) he will presumably have support through residents from a university in Lima, which he wants to train to create a knowledge transfer in to the local population. Miriam has begun to support her gynecological colleague at the hospital.

Thank you to:

All supporters through tips, practical help, donation, prayers, friends – without you having our back this would be way harder for us

All the lovely people who sent us such great packages

God, for his protection, help in seemingly helpless situations and the possibility of letting us be a part of such a great project

Please pray for:

Curahuasi becoming our real **home** and for finding new **friends**

A continuing **good start** into work, school and kindergarten

Health and safety (especially concerning the stray dogs which bite)

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