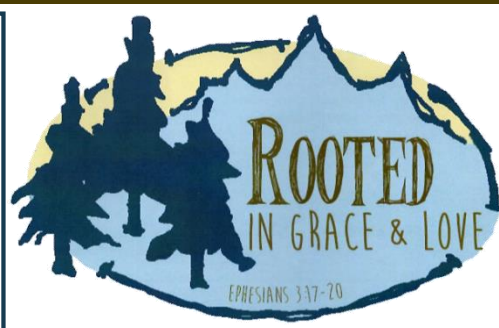




That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength...to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.
— Eph. 3:17-18



New Name, Same Ministry

The Heath family is excited to announce that this is the first issue of our **NEW Rooted in Grace & Love** newsletter! In February 2015 we obtained the legal status of a nonprofit organization that we named "Rooted in Grace & Love". Last month, we had our first board meeting and elected officers to begin 2016 with a new support system for the ministry. The board will be able provide spiritual and financial accountability, be available in the States to help connect back home, and work together with our family in Peru for the glory of God. We have dreams to follow Christ where he leads and the establishment of "Rooted" will help us to move forward more effectively as we seek to minister to those around us. Our ministry aims have not changed, simply the name and way in which donations are accepted.

MRT 5k Run For Peru

We especially want to thank those who came out on December 26, for the *MRT 5K Run For Peru*. We were so proud of the runners and thankful for ALL those that helped to host this event! Thanks to MRT Racing & Scott McLelland for this third annual event. Lord willing, we look forward to seeing you all again on December 31, 2016, for the next race to support mission work in Peru. Lace up your running shoes and mark your calendars!

Gospel Concert

Following the 5k run, on January 3, we had our fourth annual concert at Beulah Baptist. We were blessed with an AMAZING night including performances from *Brian Free and Assurance, Jay Parrack & Vocal Event, and Second Generation*. Thank you Kevin & Tonya Sherrill, Gary & Lou Ann Dyson and MANY others who helped host this concert. We were beyond blessed as many came to hear the beautiful gospel music that glorified our Lord and Savior!

Belen Orphanage & Baby September

After a full few months at home we had safe travels back to Peru. We spent some time in Cajamarca visiting the Belen orphanage where we first met Baby September. Our hearts are full of thoughts and prayers for her. Our friend, Emily, is now leading all the girls at the orphanage through a 30-day challenge to read God's Word daily. They've started in the book of John.

Church Construction

Another ministry that is dear to our hearts near Cajamarca is the church in Matara. Many volunteers helped us with a construction project 2 years ago and we were able to visit and join in building on the 2nd floor. The church is doing very well as they continue to build and disciple new believers in the area.

ALMA Children's Home

When we made our way back down to Curahuasi, we were met with a warm welcome from great friends. The work done on the ALMA children's home is astounding! After a break in January (rainy season), the construction is back up and running. The ALMA team is excited about the daily progress and new paint on the walls. A big thank you to our interns Josh Stone & Evan Foster for all your help!

Prayer Requests

- That our board members would do well to manage Rooted in Grace & Love for God's glory.
- That the Lord would protect Baby September as the judge tries to place her in a good home.
- For Emily as she seeks to disciple and encourage the 12 girls of the Belen orphanage in their studies.
- That the Matara church would keep growing new disciples as well as expanding their church building.
- For the continuing construction work and planning process for the ALMA Children's Home.

Additional Information

For more updates and photos, see our blog:

www.heathfamilyjustlovejesus.blogspot.com