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Marty presents the survey results to the leads of Berea Bible Institute.



Putting the lecture into practice.



L to R: Adolfo, Dany, Carlos and Hernan show off their newly created app.

Flood:

When I travel, I sleep with earplugs. It's the only way I can get

a good night's sleep. But I wasn't prepared for the consequences of earplugs my first night in a hotel in Lima, Peru. I arrived at my hotel very late and went straight to bed. An hour later, I was drawn out of a deep sleep by a strange, persistent hissing noise. As I took out my earplugs and set my feet on the floor, I realized that a water pipe had burst in my room! There was a half inch of warm water covering the

entire floor. I sloshed toward the door and opened it for the night clerk who went into a total panic as water gushed into the hallway. Thankfully, the only things on the floor were my computer power supply (which miraculously didn't short out) and my shoes, which floated happily

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on the ripples. We managed to get the water shut off, and I was moved to a room on the next floor up.

Six hours later I was sitting with five key Peruvian leaders, presenting the "Scripture App Builder" workshop. My goals were to seed a vision for building apps in minority languages and to teach them how to do it. At the end of the course, all of them had built a complex app which they were proud of. That weekend, I watched one of my students show the app he had created to his pastor. That turned into a conversation about what kind of apps they might build for the church.

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I rarely have to teach a course twice in the same country. My national colleagues quickly run with the training and are soon teaching it better than I can.

We presented the results of the Scripture App Builder workshop at a Bible Translation conference. When we had finished, a representative of the Peruvian Bible Society asked me if I could teach the workshop to them. With a smile I said "No." She looked shocked! When

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I followed with "But Carlos here can," she immediately started asking Carlos about the training.

Have you ever been faced with having to change the way you have always done something? A week after being in Peru, I sat across the table with the leaders of Berea Bible Institute in Guatemala, sharing the results of the survey they had helped me complete last year. As they pondered all of

the results, they discussed that they would need to consider how to incorporate smartphone strategy into their curriculum. They want

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to equip their students to minister in relevant ways to this next generation.

Since completing the survey last year of how the youth of Latin America are using their phones, I have been urgently exhorting churches and leaders to figure out how to leverage this technology. We are at a point in history where we have the opportunity to engage this new generation with the Scriptures using multiple strategies including using phone apps.

The late Francis Schaeffer said, "Each generation of the church in each setting has the responsibility of communicating the gospel in understandable terms, considering the language and thought-forms of that setting." That is what I am striving to help our Latin American brothers and sisters do: engage with God's Word in their own language such that this life-giving Gospel can flood the nations.



Nathan and his bunny Radagast.



Where did the decade go?

Family:

NATHAN is once again involved in the Upward Sports soccer program. He is an awesome defender and a great encourager. He looks forward to every practice and game. He continues to be a friend of animals and was recently given a new pet rabbit. We can hardly believe that he just turned 10. Wow! That decade went by fast!

SUMMER recently received a "Superior" rating for her beautiful and technical flute solo. She enjoys playing flute in the local High School band and all-county band. She is a great fan of all things Hobbit and Lord of the Rings. She is working hard to finish 10th grade well and is looking forward to dual-enrolling in community college next year.

KARA is preparing for a viola recital in April. She loves playing in the youth symphony and we love going to the concerts. She really enjoys playing in an orchestra where the other kids put in their practice time! She is a Junior, dual-enrolled at the local community college while finishing her high school studies.

HEATHER just returned to Cedarville University, after spending a week with us for Spring Break. She brought three friends home with her and they spent several days at the beach and the springs. She has been accepted to be a Resident Assistant (RA) in one of the dorms next school year. She will be staying in Florida this summer to work full-time coordinating an arts summer camp for children.

KAREN juggles homeschooling, teaching music that focuses on early childhood development and piano, directing music for our homeschool co-op, helping me with planning and reports, and



Kara feels blessed with all the opportunities she has with her viola.

mentoring women as God brings them across her path.

Home Assignment:

We are scheduled this summer to visit and personally report to those who pray for us and support us financially. Here is our basic schedule:

May 23 - June 18: West Coast. We will be traveling in Washington, Oregon and California.

June 19 - August 2: Southeast Alaska. Juneau, Haines, Tenakee Springs, Petersburg, Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island.

We would love to see you! We have limited time and will be working out our routes, so please contact us as soon as possible by phone or email if you want to be added to our itinerary.

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Summer at the finish line of the "Spring Fever" 5K.



Heather loves her Theatre major at Cedarville University.