August 2012 update from Ken Millwood

Dear All,

Welcome to the latest update about my book.

Many of you have been asking how I got on in Peru so I will devote most of the update to that. We had been invited to Cusco in Peru by a missionary our puppet team leader met in Bristol last year. After months of planning, several rehearsals and 7,000 miles of travel it all came together and we ended up performing in 3 church services and 12 school assemblies (mainly outdoors in the dusty playgrounds). We were using Spanish backing tracks with Steve or Americo from the church translating my introductions. The numbers we performed to varied from 40 - 400 children in the schools and 15 - 40 of all ages in the churches with the total reached about 2,500 children and adults. All went well although as a team we were outside our comfort zone part of the time and I valued our morning prayer times when we asked God to help us on a daily basis.

Overall Peru was an amazing experience. The people were friendly, the countryside was stunning. It took a few days to get used to the altitude (3,500m in Cusco) and the temperature – it was winter - so up to 20 C in the day and down to 5 C at night. During the middle weekend we had a few days off and went on the 1-day Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, the world-famous Inca ruins. The walk on the trek was physically the hardest thing I have ever done in my life and when I got back I wrote 800 words for the book on how I had to depend on God and the guides to just get through that day. I also took many photographs and have posted a few on my Facebook page.

I am pleased to say my website has now had over 550 'hits' although I know almost half of those will be mine as I have set it as my homepage.

I have also done some work on chapters 13, 14 and 15 so the total word count is now 44,000 words. I am still hoping to finish the first draft of the book this year though whether it will be ready to publish in 2012 I am not so sure. One thing I do know is that in the same way I had to keep on going on the Inca Trail step by step, little by little, I will keep working on the book until it is finished. Whenever that is.

Thank you for your support. The next update will be posted in October.

Kind Regards,

Ken

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