

PARTNERS FOR PERU

BRIAN & MYCHELLE
GARRISON

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“I DO IT MYSELF!!!”

We've heard this proclamation often lately from our 2 year old, Kyra. At this stage of life our children begin to discover they can do many things for themselves, then, much to the chagrin of their parents, they want to do *everything* without any help. However, they quickly find out just how dependent on us they are (i.e. crossing the street, or, tying their shoes). *We can learn a lot from a 2 year old!!*

Lately, we have discovered just how dependent we are on our *heavenly* Father, as He has used this stage in our lives, and particularly His Word (see Psalm 121), to impress upon us His sovereignty. In times of waiting and healing, albeit physical or spiritual, we are oft tempted to doubt... “Why is this taking so long?”; “Has He forgotten about me?” The natural tendency, then, would be to want to take the reins and **do it myself**. It's in these moments that He comes to us to remind us of a few things: That He's been there all along... That this did not take Him by surprise... That He will walk with us through this difficult time and protect us... That He knew long before when this would happen and that He knows best when to bring us out. He truly knew of our “going out” of Peru, and we trust His timing for our “coming in”, to return to the people we love dearly and want earnestly to reach with the Gospel of Christ.

Special Prayer Requests:

1. *For continued healing for Brian*
2. *Our boys, Bryce and Chandler: that they will shine bright in their Public School*
3. *For the work in Peru:*
 - *our Partners, David & Tonya Liles, shouldering more of the load in our absence*
 - *the work in Santa Clara...for unity and spiritual growth*
 - *Our Bible College students*
4. *For wisdom in deciding when to return to Peru*

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