



The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40 NIV

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Update from Marty and Paul Clark of Scripture Union of Peru

Dear friends,

Those of you who in one way or another share in the ministry and work of Unión Bíblica in Peru often come to mind. With so much happening on so many fronts there are obviously things to report – and yet somehow none of these day to day events seem worthy of a letter. So here goes one with isolated 'bits and pieces.'

Abel is one of our schools' staff – in charge of work in some 25 schools in the South, on the border of Bolivia. I was asking him the other day about the school he visits on the Madre de Dios River. In the dry season when the roads are reasonable, he travels 20 hours in the open back of a truck. In the rainy season it takes up to 3 days and 2 nights in the truck. Then 2 hours in a river launch to get to the school. Needless to say, Abel has a local volunteer to keep things going between visits! I think of the long history of the building of the Kingdom and realize that to a very large extent it was done by committed people like Abel Trujillano.

I remember years back wondering what possible good could come from exposing our abandoned boys and school kids to visiting foreigners ('gringos'). Countless times since, we have had reason to be grateful for work teamers and guests from abroad. Just last week, **Alan Alcocer** took a group of visitors to take part in his work that day in a school in Pucusana, a little fishing village on the coast. One eleven year old girl was overheard saying: "We only see Gringos in movies or on television; sometimes we see them going into big hotels or important restaurants. But these Gringos played with us, smiled at us and even

touched us. I never thought I would get so close to one." And so the Good News continues to be spread!

Charo, our schools worker in the high Andes, phoned to say that the Headmistress and several of the teachers of the school in Anta had become Christians. Reminds me that at the end of the day, we are the 'salt of the Earth' and called to make a difference.

As you can imagine, our people in Iquitos are the saddest at having to close the Centre which so many of you visited. I love to see how people with meager resources rise to the occasion. **Gene** (house parent at Puerto Alegría) leaves his 40 boys with Patricia Friday nights, goes into Iquitos, rounds up his band of volunteers and heads out into the darker side of the city where between midnight and 3 a.m. they gather boys out of their hiding places and bring them to the Center. They all lie down on the concrete floor and sleep 'til morning. They are wakened up by the volunteers who have pooled their money to prepare a meal, after which they talk a bit about God and ask Him for protection. They then escort each boy back to his hiding place. Gene then goes back to P.A. and asks God to please let him reopen the Centre soon.

For the first time, a combined medical team from the U.S. and the U.K. left Amazon Hope at times to walk deep into the jungle in search for people who could not make it to the ship. From their enthusiastic reports, I think we may make this a more regular part of the outreach.

Well, I've wandered on more than planned.

Paul (Marty joins me in sending our Greetings and thanks.)



Useless Information to Brighten your day:

To date the mission trips have received donations from 22 different states and from 225 non-members of Mauldin UMC.

The Tanzania team will spend as many days traveling as they will working when you include their truck travel.

Peru Mission Update

The Peru Mission Team is wrapping up their fundraising efforts this month and is still short of being fully funded. We appreciate all those who have helped in the fundraising effort this year. Stretching our dollars to two teams and the expanded size of the Peru team has given us new challenges this year.

The team has decided to split into two groups with one team going to the Kimo camp we worked at last year. The majority of the team will still be going to Puerto Alegria. Right now the Kimo site team has 8 members.

The Parent's Night out was a huge success with 24 kids being dropped off. The skate night was once again successful. We have also had a great success with the yard mulching service this year. There has been talk of expanding the service throughout the year and possibly adding a leaf raking service as well.

Please continue to keep Scripture Union and the Clarks in your prayers. As you can tell from our main story, their seem to be a lot of changes happening that we need to keep praying for God's guidance to help.

The Peru team in conjunction with the Tanzania team will be looking at putting on a Wednesday Night dinner sometime in August so that both teams can share stories, pictures and videos.

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Please Don't forget to pray for our Salkehatchie teams. Most Methodist Churches in South Carolina participate by sending their high school youth to help repair and rebuild homes throughout South Carolina during the summer months. This is a great first away from home mission experience for the youth and provides a much needed service of love to all the communities of South Carolina.

Calendar of Events

Item	Team	Date
Send Off Service	Tanzania	June 4, 2009 7 PM
Mission Trip	Tanzania	June 5-14
Peru Meeting	Peru	June 8, 6:30 PM
Chick-Fil-A Night/Car Wash	Peru	June 16, evening
Peru Packing Party	Peru	July 14, 6:30 PM
Send Off Service	Peru	July 16, 7 PM
Mission Trip	Peru	July 17-26

Tanzania Mission Update

The Tanzania Mission team is about to leave as I write this article with our send off prayer and communion service tomorrow. Many hours have been spent planning and raising funds. In fact over 600 hours have been spent just raising the funds for this trip. Please pray for our 11 members: Karalee Brookie, Steve Hendrix, Pat Hendrix, Ashley Landrum, Bryan Lewis, Patricia Marshbanks, Jo Nelson, Rebekah Scott, Caroline Sellars, Julie Sellars, and Dena Williams.

We will be flying through London with a long lay over so hopefully we will get to do some sightseeing. Then we land on Sunday morning and will hop on the trucks for our 8 hour ride to Singida. The very next morning we start our VBS program at the Yulansoni Pre-school and will visit with Compassion International and a local orphanage as well as tour the Full Dimension Facilities and worship with the people of Yulansoni valley.

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I Dig Peru Newsletter needs your stories about mission experiences. We have made this request numerous times but with only one response. Hopefully we will get a better response this time. These stories are vital to keeping this newsletter alive. In addition it is a vital part of your mission to share your experiences with those who support us and who may be thinking about joining one of our mission teams.

Both Mission Trips are now on Facebook. The Peru trip is the group called I Dig Peru. The Tanzania trip is the group called Tanzania Mission Trip.

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