



*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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## *I Dig Peru Newsletter is Back*

Some of you may have noticed that the newsletter took a 3 month break. We are back and trying hard to get back on schedule. But I thought it fair to give you the reasons why we were gone for such an extended period.

The first is that as the editor and creator of the majority of content, I missed nearly two months of work due to illness. This of course put me behind in all areas and led to missing the third month.

The second major reason is that despite repeated requests for articles from our past missionaries, I only received one. This is very unfortunate, because the people who like getting this newsletter are the ones who support our trips. They love to hear the stories of those who have gone. Many of them are not in a position to go, so they love the stories as

a way to feel like they were there. And there is only so much I can create on my own. So once again I ask any of you have gone before to write a story about your experience and submit it me so I can include it in our newsletter. Send via email: [shendrix@hendrix-engineers.com](mailto:shendrix@hendrix-engineers.com)

So the newsletter is back and will hopefully continue. I know several of our supporters have enjoyed the newsletter and so for their sake I plan to continue.

The newsletter is also needed to help keep tabs on all the fundraising activities between the two teams. As you can see from the calendar on the back page, we have a lot of fundraisers going on this year.

Finally, please remember to pray for the mission activities going on out there.

## *Peru Mission Update*

This year's team is set with 36 individuals going. There are some stats concerning this year's team in the lower left corner of this page. As you can imagine this size team creates different kinds of challenges for Kyle Gordon, this year's team leader. Things like getting enough plane tickets, having enough space for everyone to sleep at Puerto Alegria, having enough work for everyone to stay busy are moving to the forefront. In addition having more people means needing more money. One good thing is the other churches have stepped up and are

working to help fund the trip. There will be a separate yard sale at Augusta Road United Methodist to help benefit the cause.

The Peru team will be having the yard sale to benefit their mission trip again this year. This is the biggest money maker of the year so we hope everyone can come out and support it.

Information about the trip is being updated to the website at:

[www.idigperu.hendrix-engineers.com](http://www.idigperu.hendrix-engineers.com)



Useless Information to  
Brighten your day:

Peru Team 2009:

- Has 4 churches represented
- Has 23 New People
- Has 7 Youth
- Has 6 College Students
- Has 10 different family groups

## Tanzania Mission Update

The Tanzania team is in full swing as we head into our bigger fundraisers for the year. They include the Month Long Marathon, Spring Fling, Rodrigo Rodriguez Concert and Mauldin United Methodist Men's Fellowship Golf Tournament. We have secured our airline tickets, saving \$500 per person by spending 10 hour in London. While this has us landing the same day we travel 8 hours by truck, the savings was too much to pass up. We have also secured our vehicles and hotel rooms for the trip.

The month long marathon currently has 74 marathoners registered and we are hoping to reach our goal of 100 by March 1st. The event ends with the Spring Fling. Spring Fling originally started as a celebration to end the marathon and to counterbalance the Fall Festival. However it has continued to grow. Currently we will have LIVE music, a silent auction, hot dog suppers and a set of challenge competitions between the Peru and Tanzania Teams set for the Gym. At the fellowship hall we will have free kids games as well as video game challenges that will cost 50 cents per play. We are planning on having a dance pad challenge, guitar hero and a Wii game. There will also be a free bounce house. We will have hot dog suppers here as well. Admission is free but we will be asking for donations in addition to the suppers, video games and silent auction.

After this we will have an instrumental guitar concert by Rodrigo Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez is internationally known and has recorded with the Prague National Symphony. He will be benefiting a concert to the Tanzania team on April 23 at Advent UMC in Greenville, SC. To hear samples of his music go to [www.rodrigorodriguez.net](http://www.rodrigorodriguez.net)

We have updated the website with all the fundraising information and will soon have downloadable forms for the golf tournament. We have also added the elephant fundraising graphic to the website.

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## Calendar of Events

| Item                      | Team     | Date               |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Month Long Marathon       | Tanzania | Feb 22-Mar 22      |
| MUMM Pancake Supper       | Both     | Feb 24, 6 PM       |
| Joe Corbi Orders Due      | Peru     | Feb 25             |
| Skate Night               | Both     | Mar 1, 5-7 PM      |
| Soup Sunday               | Peru     | Mar 8, 12:30 PM    |
| Tanzania Meeting          | Tanzania | Mar 8, 4 PM        |
| FDM Banquet               | Tanzania | Mar 8, 6:30 PM     |
| Peru Meeting              | Peru     | Mar 10, 6:30 PM    |
| ARUMC Hot Dog Sale        | Peru     | Mar 14             |
| Yard Sale Drop Off        | Peru     | Mar 14, 10 AM-2 PM |
| Wednesday Night Dinner    | Tanzania | Mar 18, 5:30 PM    |
| Spring Fling              | Tanzania | Mar 22, 5-7 PM     |
| Mutt's BBQ Night          | Peru     | Mar 26, 5-8 PM     |
| Hatari Movie Night        | Tanzania | Mar 27, 6:30 PM    |
| Yard Sale Drop Off        | Peru     | Mar 28, 10 AM-2 PM |
| Peru Meeting              | Peru     | Apr 14, 6:30 PM    |
| Yard Sale Drop Off        | Peru     | Apr 18, 10 AM-2 PM |
| Womanless Pageant         | Peru     | Apr 18             |
| Tanzania Meeting          | Tanzania | Apr 19, 3 PM       |
| Wednesday Night Dinner    | Tanzania | Apr 22, 5:30 PM    |
| Rodrigo Rodriguez Concert | Tanzania | Apr 23, 7 PM       |
| MUMM Golf Tournament      | Tanzania | Apr 26, 1 PM       |
| Yard Sale Moving Day      | Peru     | Apr 30             |
| Yard Sale Prep Day        | Peru     | May 1, All Day     |
| Yard Sale                 | Peru     | May 2              |
| Peru Meeting              | Peru     | May 12, 6:30 PM    |
| Wednesday Night Dinner    | Tanzania | May 13, 5:30 PM    |
| MUMC Mission Sunday       | Both     | May 17, 8:45-12    |
| Tanzania Team Meeting     | Tanzania | May 17, 3 PM       |
| Mutt's BBQ Night          | Peru     | May 28, 5-8 PM     |

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