



'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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Karalee Brookie Story

When I think of missions I think of love and sacrifice. The sacrifice of those who dedicate their lives to serve others. I am blessed to have the experience of mission work both in SC with Salkehatchie and in foreign missions in Peru. The poverty we witness working in Peru and in our own state of SC is indescribable. In the US we have government agencies that assist with the needs of others but in 3rd world countries there are no government agencies to assist with the needs of children & families there. Children are put out on the street to live and even the police do not help them or protect them. In fact they even try to harm them because they see them as a nuisance to society. Yet these boys as young as 4 years old are put out on the street to survive on their own.



And despite the way they have been treated by their own parents, the police and other adults they feel the love of God through the work of the organizations of Scripture Union and the mission work that is being done to help these boys. These boys accept the love of Christ through those who reach out to them. They are innocent victims of the society they are born into by no fault of their own. They see hope for their future as they are

helped by this organization and other people. Despite all their suffering they realize God loves them through the actions of others who come to them. In return they show genuine love and appreciation for the help they receive.

The first year I went to Peru in all the poverty and dirtiness I witnessed in one week I saw 3 rainbows in the skies of Peru on different days while I was there. That proves that God's love and his

promises are everywhere in the world and to the street boys in Peru and the children in Tanzania. God has a plan for their lives and he loves them where they are & for who they are. I wear a bracelet that a boy in Peru made and I have worn this bracelet for almost a year. Not a week

goes by that I do think of the boys in Peru and how they have touched my life. I feel blessed to have the privilege to go where these children are, to touch their lives in some small way leaving something behind to better their lives in some small way. I know in return I am touched by them and they have left something in my heart that makes my life better in a very large way.

Thank you for all your prayers and support for myself and both our mission teams going to Tanzania and Peru. We do not go alone, but we take with us each one of you that has made our mission possible.



Useless Information to Brighten your day:

A cubic foot of concrete normally weighs 145 lbs.

Only a small portion of the water used for concrete is needed to set concrete up. The rest is to make it easier to mix and work with.

It takes 21 days for concrete to reach its designed strength.

Peru Mission Calendars

We have been asked in the past about doing calendars and selling them as a fundraiser at MUMC. We have always avoided this because two groups in the church already sell calendars and one of them helps to support us. However we wanted to see if people were interested in purchasing calendars from the team.

There are several ways we could do this. The best choice for a nice looking calendar would be to use an online printing company that specializes in small quantities. We would have glossy color photographs for each month and the cover. To do an 11 by 8 1/2 (with 28 pages would cost about \$15 per calendar for an order of 30 calendars. The fewer calendars the more it cost and vice versa. Steve Hendrix has volunteered to set the calendar up and process orders, but since this will be a break even project with him taking the financial risk we require money before we order. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar contact Steve at shendrix@hendrix-engineers.com or 864-979-9617. On October 5 we will recalculate the price based on those orders and verify with everyone they still want a calendar at the final price and then request the money so we can process the order the next week. So if you are interested, please let us know before October 5th.

I Dig Peru Newsletter needs your stories about mission experiences. We have made this request numerous times but with only three responses. 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.

Calendar of Events

Item	Team	Date
MUMC Spirit Center Dedication Ceremony	Church	September 27, 2009 5 PM
MUMC Spirit Fest	Church	October 18 & 19
MUMC Fall Festival	Church	October 25, 2009
FDM Pre-School Fundraising	Tanzania	Wednesday Night Dinners in October
Selling Christmas Cards at MUMC	Peru	November 15 & 22 December 6 & 13

Big Change for Fundraising

The IRS does not allow for charitable contributions to be for a specific person. How does this affect us? It means contributions to a team member cannot have the team members name on it. Since the contribution is for the team it is an acceptable charitable contribution, but when there is a name on the check it raises potential audit questions.

This year we will be relying on the slips of papers in your sample fundraising letters to account for how much each person raises. This means you must make it clear to your supporters they have to fill out the form and return it with the donation.

Mission Leaders Step Forward

We are still looking for next year's leaders to step forward. Specifically right now we are looking for someone to coordinate the yard service in the fall. During Spring and Summer we raised quite a bit of money providing a mulch and yard clean up service. We would like to do the same this fall with leaves.

If you are interested, please contact Kyle Gordon at 676-1843 or idigperu2009@charter.net.

We have a Christmas Card Fundraising Leader. We could use other fundraising leaders to help the cause for next year.

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