



I Dig Peru News

'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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Jennifer Landrum's Story

Going to Peru was something I had wanted to do since I first heard that our church would have the opportunity. When the first group that had gone came back to share their stories and experiences, my desire to go grew even more. After spending a lot of time in prayer, I was blessed to be part of the 2005 team to Kawai, Peru.

Going on any mission trip always brings a lot of excitement and anticipation for me. I love the opportunity to serve the Lord by serving others. Even though preparing for the trip to Peru did make me excited, I was also fearful. I would be traveling further than I had ever gone before to do construction work, and not speaking a word of Spanish. It was definitely out of my comfort zone. I was scared of the things I would see and learn about the lives of the Street Boys of Peru. But the trip touched my heart and changed my life. I saw how desperately those boys do need our help, and our love. But I also saw how God works through people of

every age, race, and nation; and that was awesome!

I learned so much on my trip to Peru, but there is one thing that God taught me that stands out in my mind. There is a wide range of work that needs to be done at these Scripture Union locations. For us, there was a lot of digging, concrete work, and painting. And then there is work like sweeping, or standing in one place, hammering recycled metal all day. For those of

you who are preparing to go to Peru, and for everyone doing the Lord's work, remember this verse: "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.



So it is with Christ"- I Corinthians 12:12. The rest of this passage goes on to explain that each member of the body is an essential member, and the absence of one member affects the entire body. No matter what job you are assigned, realize that no work goes unseen, and it is pleasing to God. I am excited to see what the Lord does through the 2007 Peru team!



Useless Information to Brighten your day

Repeat Trips: The following is a breakout of the number of trips people have taken (percentage):

4+ trips	3 (4.9)
3 trips	4 (6.6)
2 trips	16 (26.2)
1 trip	38 (62.3)
Total	61

Calendar of Events

Missions Service	June 3
Smoke Arrives	June 13
Team Meeting	June 19
Jennifer Medlock's Costa Rica Mission	June 15-23
Packing Party	July 17
Prayer and Communion Service	July 20
Trip	July 21-30
Rev William Makali Visit	September 20 to October 6 Tentative
Billy Clark Visit	November 11 Tentative

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Fundraising Update

The fundraising this year has been blessed. We currently have \$10,000 more than we need for the trip. We asked the United Methodist Men to give 25% of the golf tournament money raised to Scripture Union. The team voted to put aside a minimum of \$5000 for future trips which will include the \$1700 left from last year's trip. The rest will be used as a donation to Scripture Union and to Latin American Missions in Billy Clarke's name (group that supports Billy and his family).

The golf tournament was a success again this year, raising an estimated \$4000 (not all invoices are in) and provided a great day of fellowship for 100 golfers and their families.

The Palmetto Car Wash Fundraiser did not go so well with only a handful of the cards being returned to the Car Wash. This was an unfortunate setback as this was one of our easier fundraisers.

The LIVE Band was planning a Church Party/Concert type party for the Peru team, but since we are fully funded they are looking for other avenues to support. The event is still planned for June 8th at printing.

All the individual fundraising event leaders have expressed their gratitude for everyone's hard work on the fundraisers. As the fundraising chair I want to add my appreciation for the hard work along with an enormous thank you to the fundraising leaders for their hard work.

Rev. C.E. "Smoke" Kanipe

I was first introduced to Smoke when I expressed an interest in Tanzania back in 2001. Smoke was then pastor of Advent UMC. Advent was a big supporter of Rev. William Makali's ministry in Tanzania. Smoke had been an integral part of their association with Full Dimension Ministries in Tanzania and lead the effort to fund Emmanuel Makali's education in the US.

I have since worked with Smoke for a couple of years on the Full Dimension Ministries-USA board of directors. This group works

to help the ministries in Tanzania.

Rev. Kanipe's wife, Sue, has also been to Tanzania on two medical mission trips as a nurse.

I hope this helps to put at ease any concerns over how Smoke's appointment as our next minister will affect our mission outreach. I believe it will strengthen our church's mission activities so that we can continue to grow in our ministry to others. Smoke's 1st Sunday with us is June 17th.

Team Member Updates

William Snyder is still doing well after his heart surgery in March. He has returned to church and work. He also sends his wishes the 2007 team has a wonderful trip.

Jennifer Medlock will be going on her Costa Rica mission trip to help build a pastor training facility. The dates have changed to June 15-23 and she will be the only member of her family going now.

Paul and Marty Clark are currently in Scotland on a speaking tour for Vine Trust which has been a big supporter of their efforts in Peru including the Amazon Hope medical ships.

Billy Clark is already working with the mission teams coming in this year. He is planning a visit to the states this year and is tentative in our area for November 11.

The Rojas family has settled into Scotland nicely. They are living in a Church Manse (Parsonage for us Methodists) as care keepers. This means they only pay the bills and tax for the property. Kathryn has started her new job, Elmer is doing translations and teaching Spanish currently while he continues to look. Kevin is also looking for work. Sammy is doing well in his new school and has already made new friends.

Do you have organization skills, love to participate in the Peru Trips-Have you ever considered leading a trip? We are currently looking for a 2008 trip leader
Contact Steve Hendrix if interested.

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