

December 2008

## THE PERÚ CORNER

As the month of December begins, we are bombarded by “the Christmas season”. I am sure that most of us have a deeper understanding of Christmas than many around us. Why did Jesus come to this world? Jesus came because of LOVE. Not only did He talk about this LOVE, He demonstrated God’s LOVE to the human race and the entire universe.

In John 6:1-14, we read about the feeding of the 5000. Here we see one demonstration of His LOVE. He had the people sit down where they were, prayed for the bread at hand and gave the bread to the disciples to distribute to the people. At Peru Projects, it is our desire to carry the Bread of Life to the people of Peru. Are there “hungry” people around you?

Before we can share the Bread of Life we must partake of It. We need to continually search and study, or we will have nothing to share with others. Daily we need to ask Him to come and lead us to those who are hungry. It is our prayer that as we celebrate the Christmas season, we can all demonstrate God’s LOVE and share the Bread of Life with those around us.

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## PROGRAM UPDATES

### CESSNA ENGINE OVERHAUL

Impressions – sometimes that’s all we have. But, where does it come from? Is it our own desires? Perhaps it is our own wisdom? Is Satan trying to take us on a detour? Or is it something more? Something *Bigger*? Only prayer can tell – and walking through open doors. As reported in October’s newsletter, the Cessna 182 needed an engine overhaul to continue the Lord’s work. Approximately half the needed funds were in the bank: \$10,000. We were praying for the remaining funds, waiting to schedule the overhaul until all the funds were on hand – you know the drill: count the cost, don’t start what you can’t finish .... Then the phone call came. Our board member, Clyde Peters, suggested that perhaps since the insurance was running out, and our new pilot hadn’t arrived yet, the time to do the overhaul was now. In this way we wouldn’t be paying insurance for the months that the airplanes wouldn’t be flying and when the new pilot arrived and was ready to start training the airplanes would be ready. But .... we only have half the funds on hand? Our wisdom – Satan – or a test of faith? Our pilot, Alberto Marin, was sure that this was from the Lord – an open door – and if we stepped through the Lord would provide! So, we did! What we didn’t know, until after the engine was back in the airplane, was that the Lord, in preparation, had provided for more donations than anticipated for Peru Projects through The Quiet Hour, thereby covering the balance of the overhaul! Praise be to God. The other blessing in this miracle is the assurance from the Lord that He still has plans for Peru Projects and the Cessna 182! May we be as faithful with that which He entrusts to us and He is to us! Amen!

### A NEW MISSIONARY FAMILY ARRIVES

On November 11, 2008, four Americans arrived in Perú. The Doneskys, Orville, Odil, Andrew and Christina, are the new missionary family to Peru Projects. Pilot Orville Donesky is busy becoming familiar with the many rustic landing strips and waterways that make up Peru Projects territory while working to improve his Spanish on the side. As he likes to say “every



curve in the river presents another landing strip” referring to the hundreds of villages that Peru Projects is able to share the Gospel with because of the gift that the Lord gave in the Lake Renegade in being able to enter and attend to the Spiritual needs of the communities. On a slightly more challenging front, he is also working to improve his Spanish. Odil has easily transitioned into the role of Spanish secretary – helping with translations, inspections and fundraising proposals, to name just a few. Since she grew up in South and Central America, she is handling the day-

to-day operations and translating quite efficiently. Andrew and Christina will be continuing their schooling here but have greatly stepped in to assist wherever possible.

Though new to Perú, the Doneskys are not new to the mission field. They served in Guyana with GAMAS for nearly a year in 2001 and 2002 and with an Adventist organization called Share Him, spreading the Gospel in Africa, Central America and Romania.

After eleven months, they are finally here, to assist in the Lord’s work. Please pray for them as continue to adjust to the new environment. Pray that the Lord will direct their every step as they begin serving with Peru Projects. Want to know more? Visit our website: [PeruProjects.com](http://PeruProjects.com)

## REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

### IMPRESSIONS FROM THE LAUNCH – Linda’s Story

After my first day serving as a missionary nurse in Peru, the crew, some kids from Juancito and I jumped into the river to cool off. Bubbly, seventeen-year old, Diana and I hit it off from the start. We talked, and she asked me many things, including medical advice. Diana was not an Adventist, but I was able to occasionally interact with her at our nightly meetings.



Two months later when we returned to Juancito I was able to get to know Diana better. She came to our meetings every night and I could tell her interest in spiritual things had grown. Over the next week we became close friends and I grew to love her like my very own sister. I could see that Jesus was working on her heart as well. On Sabbath, Pastor Marin asked those interested in baptismal studies to come forward. As Diana stepped forward, I felt like jumping for joy and later gave her a big hug!

That night as I lay in my bed, I thought of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-19. Jesus calls me to wholly participate and wants to use us to impact lives, like Diana, for eternity! Want to know more? Visit our website - [PeruProjects.com](http://PeruProjects.com)

### TRAGEDY TO DISCIPLESHIP – Pastor Esteban’s Story

Pedro Shupingahua Amasifuen is a 52-year-old man living in Puerto Enrique. I met this father of seven shortly after arriving on the launch. “Pastor” he said, “You arrived just at the perfect time to comfort us.” The next day, we traveled to his house where he told us the story and reminded me how God’s timing is always perfect.

He explained that he and his family had distanced themselves from God for a long time. A few weeks before we arrived, a tremendous storm swept through the jungle, and powerful lightning stretched from east to west. One bolt slammed into their house with such force that everyone was thrown to the ground. He could not explain how it happened, but everyone was fine - except his wife. Tragically, when they went to help her, she was dead. Later, I saw



the house and split timbers. It must have been a miracle that the whole place did not burn to the ground!

In the mist of this tragic event, Brother Pedro and his family realized their need for a Savior. They repented and came to every nightly meeting despite the long walk. On Sabbath, his oldest daughter recommitted herself to Christ, and Pedro and two of his sons were baptized. The brethren were strengthened, and the group chose Pedro to lead them. Praise be to God! This experience and others like it remind me of Christ's words through the apostle Paul. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

## COMING UP

### **Bible Workers Arrive for ECLAA**

January 11 – 17: Bible worker training: all our Bible workers and Launch crew will participate in a one week training session. Topics will include: Searching for God, Christ-centeredness, basic health principles and natural remedies, Youth Evangelism, Leadership skills, and Home and Family. Pray that the Holy Spirit works in and through the new course.

### **Launching of 2009 Work Plan**

January 18 – 21: Bible workers and Medical Missionary Launch will depart for assigned work zones. Watch for January's Newsletter for the exciting details!

### **Mission Trips**

March 11 – 26: Day Star Mission Trip – church construction in Tiruntan, Lower Ucayali.

March 13 – 22: Piedmont Park Church Mission Trip – maintenance & renovations at air base.

June 1 – 15: Hannah Gustafson Mission Trip - maintenance and renovations at the air base.

## PRAYER PARTNERS

What a privilege it is to be able to take all of our concerns and needs to the Lord in prayer and to know that He will indeed answer each and every one! Won't you commit to partner with us in prayer – to hold us up everyday before the Lord?

Prayer needs:

- For the character of Christ to dwell in each one of us,
- Safety for our Bible workers and launch crew as they travel the interior of the Amazon jungle basin sharing the Good News of Christ's soon return,
- Nothing short of the Lord's leading while developing the 2009 work plan and budget for Bible worker, launch and air programs,
- Station wagon for program needs,
- Mechanic, Cook and Helmsman for the Launch,
- Resources to complete His work plan for 2009.

**Romans 10:14, 15** How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

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