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## THE PERÚ CORNER

Forecasters in Peru are predicting a more significant cold snap for the jungle this year. There is normally a drop in temperature that lasts about three to five days sometime in June, which is about the beginning of winter here. Last year it reached the lower 60's, which may not sound too cold to many of you, but because it rarely gets below 70 degrees here, many people find themselves unprepared for a cold snap and often wind up sick. The houses in the villages don't have glass in the windows or any other way to keep the wind and the cold out (ours don't either), and most people don't own a blanket; if it gets cold they just put more clothes on. The forecasters say the temperature may drop to the mid 40's next month. The last time that happened was in the 70's; some of the older folks around here remember it. Several small children and elderly people died. There is a chance that the forecasters may be wrong, but all the same we hope people will take the warning seriously, spread the news, and prepare as well as they are able.



There is another warning that people need to hear that has more serious implications yet. It is literally a matter of life and death – for eternity. And there is no possibility that it will not come to pass. They need to know that Jesus is coming soon. There are preparations to be made in every heart and many more people to warn. Join us in praying that the work will continue at an even faster pace and that people will take the warning seriously, spread the news, and prepare for His soon coming.

-Amy

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### For Every Thing there is a season...

Recently, our Peru Projects director, Edie, made the difficult decision to return to the US to care for her ailing parents. While it is hard to leave the work she loves, she feels blessed to have this privilege to minister to her family. Her work here included anything from managing the Bible worker and medical launch programs



(including planning and coordinating training programs for the Bible workers), to making occasional trips to jungle villages or the launch for a variety of reasons, to working together with the East Peruvian Mission, to the mundane, but important record keeping and other necessary office duties. The scores of people that came to thank her and wish her well testify to the effect that she has had on her community and the value of her work here; she will be missed.



Edie with a few Bible workers



The Donesky family has also returned to the US after a year and a half of service here. We are thankful for all the efforts they made to reorganize and improve the safety of our air program and to establish relationships among the aviation community, along with the countless other ways they provided expertise and creative solutions, and just plain pitched in whenever they saw an opportunity. Again, they leave a big void behind and will be missed.



All of this downsizing (with its subsequent shift in responsibilities) along with several other factors (including insufficient funding) has led us to decide to bring the launch back for the time being. We hope it can be utilized again in the future, as we know what a blessing it is to the communities it serves.



We know that God still has a great work to do in the jungle and we request your prayers as we endeavor to fill the shoes that have been vacated and to follow our Lord's leading to fulfill the great commission.

## Piedmont Park Mission Group

On March 11, 2010 twenty-seven people from all over the mid-west and southwest United States traveled to airports, eager to come to Peru to dedicate ten days of hard work constructing a wall on the west side of the runway. The challenges began almost immediately as their first flight was cancelled – spreading their arrival out over several days.



However, they quickly made up for the slow start with long days of hard work - mixing cement, laying block, filling gaps – all the while carrying heavy buckets and bags and pushing wheelbarrow loads of cement through the mud. Their spirits were not dampened by the rain, heat, mud, sunburns, chiggers, or the snake that paid a visit to the worksite. In all, they built twenty-two 8-foot sections of wall in about eight days.



Many of these dedicated folks also spent their evenings putting on a Vacation Bible School for the youth in San Jose: telling Bible stories, singing songs, and passing out crayons, toys, and tooth brushes. There were over 100 children in attendance every night.

In addition to providing extra safety against people or animals on the runway and protection against further invasion of the property, some locals have expressed their relief that the wall also seals off the last entrance to thieves looking to “store” their goods in the weeds just to the side of the runway. Praise the Lord – blessings are abundant all around! Thank you team!



## REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

### The True God

Before my conversion, I practiced fortune telling (occult science). I devoted myself to studying satanic books for five years and attained satanic power. On acquiring this power there were revealed to me many mysteries and visions, and I felt as though I was walking with Satan. But the truth was that in myself I had nothing good.

One day in the year 2000 I thought about leaving all these satanic evils. I talked with a man; I didn't know that he was a shaman. He told me that he prays to god when his patient is sick, but then he told me that there are many gods in the world. I wanted to know which one is the true God. When I asked him, he said that we ourselves are gods when we heal the sick. In this way, he convinced me to practice shamanism. He invited me to his house for instruction. After a month of practice I was seeing visions; all the trees and plants had their own gods, like angels that guarded them. Then I saw many gods, and among them I could see one true God that was more powerful than the others. That God showed me many religions in complete darkness. Into that darkness shone a light that was the true church. I hoped that someday I would know that church.



At that exact moment two Bible workers arrived sent by Peru Projects, Eleazar and James, and they gave me Bible studies. The second lesson impacted me the most because it was in relation to God. The Bible showed me that there is one true God. When I finished the lessons I saw that I had been completely mistaken and lost, and I thanked God for this message of hope and decided to be baptized. The missionaries showed me the text in Romans 1:25 which says: “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

Now I am a member of (and a leader in) the Seventh-Day Adventist Church group in the village of Nueve de Octubre, and I belong to the great family of God. Through Peru Projects, God showed me the truth and prepared me to work for Him, and I no longer practice shamanism.

- Alvaro Lino

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## COMING UP

June 14-24

Medical Missionary group will provide free medical services to natives in several villages along the Alto Ucayali River and Shahuaya stream

## PRAYER PARTNERS

### Our Adventure with God Continues...

Needless to say, a lot of changes have taken place here over the last two months. Chris is right now in the process of co-validating his pilot's license so that he can fly here in Peru, and at the same time he is stepping into the role of local director. Our new pastor, Aholiab, recently got married; we look forward to introducing the newest member of our team here in our next newsletter! Meanwhile, in the next few weeks the four of us will begin working together as a team and settling into our respective roles. We request your prayers for us and for the work here as we seek God's guidance to move forward. We are not sure what lies ahead, but we know that God still holds the world in His hands, and ultimately, His purposes will be carried out.

### Current Prayer needs & Praises

- For the character of Christ to dwell in each one of us
- Unity and balance in our new team as we begin to work together (as well as good communication in spite of our language differences)
- Continued funding as we move through these times of financial crisis
- Edie and the Donesky family as they adjust and continue to seek God's leading for their families
- Aholiab and Sandra as they begin their life together while carrying heavy responsibilities
- Co-validation process for Chris's pilot's license

If you believe God is calling you to this prayer ministry, please email us at [prayer@peruprojects.com](mailto:prayer@peruprojects.com).

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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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