

# PERU PROJECTS

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## THE PERÚ CORNER

"And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece." (Luke 9:3)

I was thinking about the state of finances and how it affects missions, and about all the changes that are taking place here, and how God ultimately is responsible for His work to progress and succeed. This newsletter talks of some of the challenges, changes, and trials that can come, but also shares how God can provide and prosper His work. How He can inspire anyone, even someone that doesn't have much in this world, to be a blessing and make this work move forward. When Jesus sent out His disciples to spread the gospel this very first time without Him physically present, He told them to go out without any provisions and see how the Father would provide for them. The very concept of this is beyond our western mind set. There needs to be a plan and a back up plan, we need this much money in the bank, or worse, this much available credit...

Here at Peru Projects we've been trying to put all that we can into the work and see what God does. Honestly, it is a big trial of faith; and to our minds, when it seems at first that nothing is happening, it can be a huge question mark. What is presumption and what is faith? Why isn't He doing something? Please join us in asking the Lord of the Harvest to provide for His workers sufficient to send out 100 times, and more, Bible workers into this giant field. Ultimately the questions are put to rest knowing the God we serve and His deep, unfathomable love for His people, lost and found. Let us each one be seeking the lost.

- Chris

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### *Welcome Sandra*

We are pleased to introduce to you the newest member of our team here in Peru. Sandra Fonseca and Aholiab Lozano were married on May 16, 2010 at the Universidad Peruana Union (Peruvian Union College) in Lima - which is also where they met. Sandra attended the Universidad Peruana Union where she earned her degree in business administration. She later started a small export business in her parents' home with the help of her family. We are grateful for her experience and expertise as it will be a tremendous help in the administrative side of the work here, and to top it all off, she speaks English!



### *Accident*

It dawned like any other day – after our morning worship we started going about our daily activities. The morning went as normal. My wife was getting caught up with her new responsibilities as treasurer of the San Jose church, and she would need to take the reports to the mission in the afternoon.





After lunch and a short delay due to printing problems, we left the house headed for the mission. About fifteen minutes later we reached Alamedas Avenue, when suddenly a motokar pulled out of a side street, crossed the road and turned into my lane, then stopped right in front of me. I pushed on the brake, but it was too late, my motorcycle impacted the motokar and within a thousandth of a second I was lying on the road with my wife.

I couldn't breathe. Right then I heard people come to our rescue. They tried to get me up and that's when I felt that my left collarbone was broken. It didn't hurt right then because of the adrenaline rush in my body. My wife also got up and we both got off the road. She had several abrasions and was crying for fright. The young man who was driving the motokar took us to the hospital where they treated us.

I could see from this accident how the hand of God was with us even though the accident happened. First, the people who were in the street came instantly to save us and even gave us water to drink and took everything we were carrying to the mission (the offerings, my wife's laptop, and our documents). I think it was angels who were there because usually when accidents happen, people run in to steal things from the victims instead of help them. Secondly, the accident helped us to reflect on our lives. At any time we could die and everyday it is essential to be with God and to commit our lives into His hands.

- Aholiab

### Dr. Cote Group

We were blessed to be able to travel to the Upper Ucayali River in June with Dr. Rebekah Cote and a team of medical students, a dental assistant, and helpers to provide medical and dental attention to natives in several villages. Our trip included many unplanned experiences (camping in a village on the river on our way to Bajo Aruya, a dead engine on our way back to the base, and 18 hours on a public launch - big passenger boat - towing our boat behind), as well as many blessings. This is part of Dr. Cote's summary:



"Yes, we will talk about mosquito bites, 48 hours on boats, "jungle cake," granola bars and many other things for a long time. But there are other memories and moments that will be forever etched in my mind. These are what made the trip a success. A fatigued



mother gives a tired smile as we give her child with pneumonia an antibiotic that will probably save the baby's life.

A dental patient tries to smile through the pain after Robin removes a painful, rotten tooth. A child grins as he catches a Frisbee for the first time. A man smiles and laughs as he tries to do the motions to "Jesus Love is a Bubbling Over." A lady with a machete wound thanks Brent and me as now she will have less of a scar and less possibility of infection or even death. A mother in a hut asks us to come up and sit





with her and her children. A child clutches a wooden cross that Robin gives her and repeats, "Jesus Loves Me!" A group of children look at Melissa with sad eyes and tell her, "Please don't leave us! We will miss you so much!" A mother grins and tears fall down her cheeks as Amy and I put socks on the baby's feet. The mayor and his wife lead us out to the big river in their peke peke to be sure that we do not get stuck and to show us the best way to go in our loaded down boat. A boy who will never run and who will always have trouble breathing because of his medical condition smiles as we give him a few simple toys. A mother finds hope as Tony and Antonio bow their heads and

pray for her sick son. A child jumps up and down as he finally catches the football that Carson has patiently thrown to him numerous times... A mother and child smile as Heidi helps them do a craft. An older woman just shakes her head and cries as we give her a jacket. "Thank you, Thank you," she repeats over and over through her tears... Olga takes my hand and then hugs me as she asks for prayer. "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35. "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."



## REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

### *The work of Our God Must Not Stop*

I want to share with you my missionary experience during one of my trips to the Rio Sheshea. In this river, there are ten native communities of the Ashaninka tribe: (1)Santa Belita, (2)Nueva Vida, (3)Monte Sion, (4)Nueva Alianza, (5)Santa Rosa, (6)Piérola, (7)Puerto Esperanza, (8)Parantari, (9)Zoateiro and (10) Mangual. The work plan was to visit all the communities in order to evaluate the interest of the people in the Word of God. I initiated the work with the last community until arriving at the first town called Santa Belita.

One of the problems that became apparent was mobility; I did not have a vehicle to move me from one place to another. A good church brother volunteered to help solve the problem by loaning me his canoe and making two oars for the trip. This is the phrase that the brother said to me: "The work of our God must not stop; I will give my canoe and carve two oars so that you can continue preaching". This phrase hit me and it made me reflect on the fact that our God provides everything necessary so that His children can fulfill the great commission and the enemy will not be able to delay the advance of the preaching of His gospel.



With the canoe and the oars, I began the trip. I was able to visit all the communities and share the Word of God rowing down the river.

I made the trip by canoe in five days from the last community to the first, called Santa Belita. It was very

exhausting. After so much rowing, the palms of my hands were full of blisters, and in the end these became calluses. I was exposed to rain and the ardent sun, everything out of love for the cause of the Lord.

I am thankful to our good God for His protection and care through all these travels and for His hand guiding me at every moment in my life.

- Wilfredo Maynas  
Bible worker

## PRAYER PARTNERS

We have had a somewhat hectic few months here as we have dealt with the huge learning curve and worked on getting everything up to date and organized. Chris now has his pilot co-validation and Amy her Peruvian residency and both are improving in the language department. Aholiab has more or less recovered from the motorcycle accident, and we are prayerfully making plans for the future. At the moment we have only a fraction of our Bible workers in the field (mostly due to a lack of funding), though it proved to be a blessing as we needed to slow down and get on top of all that was happening. We are thankful for our many faithful supporters who have continued to pray for us and for the work here. There is still much to be done in this vast jungle.

### Current Prayer needs & Praises

- For the character of Christ to dwell in each one of us
- Continued funding as we move through these times of financial crisis and wisdom to do the most we can with what we have
- David Saboya's (one of our Bible workers) son's ear
- Benjamin Ruiz (good friend and veteran worker of Peru Projects)- serious infection in his hand
- Co-validation process for Chris's pilot's license – Praise God, it is complete!

If you believe God is calling you to this prayer ministry, please visit our website at:  
[www.peruprojects.com/info/prayer-list.html](http://www.peruprojects.com/info/prayer-list.html) for our continually updated prayer list.

**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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