

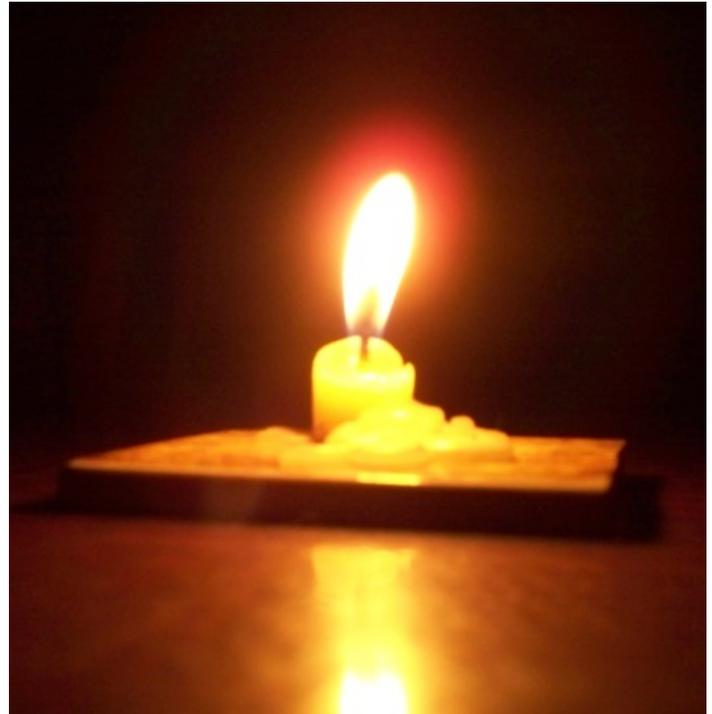
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THE PERÚ CORNER

As I sit here in our house without electricity again, staring at the lit candle that is the only thing giving light to the dark room, I think about candles - simple white taper candles. Most of the time, they are kept somewhere out of the way, ignored and unappreciated. Then the power goes out. All of the sudden they become the focus of our attention. Where are the candles and matches...?

Have the candles changed? Have they suddenly become more useful? They are the same as they always have been, but it is our needs and circumstances that have changed, and as a result, our perspective toward them is completely different.

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." (Matt 5:15)



Perhaps not the perfect illustration, but it makes me think as I sit here with this candle. It was because I knew the potential the candle had that I went to go get it when the power went out. We, as Christians, need to be like that candle. Most of the world seems to go busily about us, ignoring us or worse, not appreciating Jesus in us, but we need to continue to let Him shine through us all the same. You never know when somebody near you will realize the darkness around them, see their need, and come to receive the light that they know you have and can share.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt 5:16)

- Chris

PROGRAM UPDATES

Blogs!

We're excited to share with you our new blog sites – that's right, sites, plural. Within just a few days of events happening in Peru, Pastor Aholiab tells us about it through his blog, with lots of pictures. His site, which is in Spanish, is <http://pastoraholiablozano.blogspot.com>. This blog is then translated for our English friends at <http://peruprojects.blogspot.com>. Don't miss the news - sign up as a "follower" and be alerted when new entries are uploaded!



State of Emergency in the Jungle

As many of you know, flooding in the jungle is an annual event. The question isn't IF rivers will leave their banks, it is WHEN and HOW BAD? This year has been the worst ever! Locals can't recall it ever being this bad.



The entire Ucayali jungle region is in a state of emergency. The force of the water has devastated crops and submerged entire villages, even those that don't normally flood - and therefore aren't built accordingly. Some were in water up to the level of the roofs. Most of the jungle dwellers eat what they produce, purchasing very little food, and even supply a good portion of the staple food supply for nearby bigger towns. Many



have lost everything and the consequences will be long lasting.



Our airbase, OFASA, is also suffering damage. The water has surrounded all of the buildings on the shores of Lake Yarinacocha. They were nearly up to their windows in water. The cafeteria doors were beaten down by the force of the waves and the dormitory building collapsed as the water wore away her foundation of cement and now you can see that the roof is resting on the tops of the bunk beds.



Top 3 pictures:
Crops, homes, and open jungle underwater

Above: Flooding on the airbase; collapsed dormitory building

Right: Nearby village of Libertad



Please join us in prayer for those that have lost everything to the floods – that our loving Saviour will make Himself known to them in a powerful way!

- Aholiab

REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

God's Providence in Puerto Breu

It was a beautiful smooth flight as we ascended to 7500 feet and watched the big fluffy clouds pass by. Each of us in the Cessna 182 were excited about the possibilities that lay before Noë and Dinos Mattire, two Ashaninka brothers who are going to start a new work as our Bible workers to the Puerto Breu area on Peru's eastern border with Brazil.

The runway was dry, and the day warm, unlike the seeming weeks leading up to this special day. It has been terribly rainy here and just 4 days prior I had flown to "Breu" for a different reason and the runway was very slippery and sloppy. Yes, God let the sun shine a little for just this occasion.



We landed without event and walked into the village to present ourselves to the local authorities and hopefully find the Mattire brothers' new home. We were well received in the municipal building and one man told us that he is glad we came to teach truth and what's right to the people of the area. This gentleman had known Beto in the past and was very helpful in getting Breu's new missionaries some temporary lodging until something more permanent could be found. I was surprised and praised God when we were told that Noë and Dinos would stay in a room behind the municipality building itself until they could locate the key so that they could move into the inactive police building until something better opened up.

God had prepared for everything, I kept thinking to myself; the people there didn't know the importance and potential this day held for them. There was an Adventist family there to receive us that had recently moved to the area and they were very happy to have these brothers in Christ to worship with and to start this work. The wife even offered to cook for them until a better arrangement could be made.

After prayer and a final meeting, Pastor Aholiab and I said our good byes for the time and headed back to the airbase with an elderly woman who needed treatment in Pucallpa and her adult son. We had been told that weather was moving in and so we wanted to head back quickly. In the flight I could not help but think the devil is not happy to have Dinos and Noë in Breu. A short while into our flight back we encountered some of the bumpiest turbulence I have flown in to date, hard rain too. God kept us in His hands and we were safe. Despite the devils efforts we arrived back safely praising God for his providence and His plans to reach the peoples in and around Puerto Breu with His last day message of Hope and salvation in Jesus!

If you're interested in supporting this work in Breu and work like it all over the Peruvian Amazon jungle, please don't hesitate to send us a note to the address at the end of this newsletter or visit us online at <http://www.peruprojects.com/donate/index.html>, where you can designate Bible worker program in the message box when you make an online gift. May God guide and bless each of His children as we work together to bring His good news to those who have not yet heard.

- Chris

PRAYER PARTNERS

We see God's hand all around us in his protection, provision and providences. Then, as we look outside our own corner of the world and see what is happening on a universal scale we are certain that we hear the footsteps of an approaching God! There are daily headlines of natural disasters and out of control weather, crime and accidents ... So many people have yet to know their Lord and Savior! Won't you join us in prayer for these lost souls?

Current Prayer needs & Praises

- For the character of Christ to dwell in each one of us
- Safety for us here at the airbase and also for our Bible workers as they travel the treacherous interior of the Amazon jungle basin
- Village church leadership to accept Christ's call to "Feed His sheep"
- Devastation from the flooding: homes, crops, disease
- Holy Spirit to help all see what is REALLY behind the devastations we see
- Protection against invaders to the airbase land
- Our 50-year-old International Harvester tractor - it currently has transmission problems and Chris is having difficulty finding parts

Urgent needs

- Provision for four more Bible workers (two families and one team of two) to be able to go into the field. \$300 per Bible worker per month (includes monthly stipend, transportation, food and housing).

If you believe God is calling you to this prayer ministry, please visit our website at: 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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