

PERU PROJECTS

Taking the gospel to the jungle Llevando el evangelio a la selva

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THE PERÚ CORNER

Reading in the book of James and some in Psalms recently, I've been hit again and again by the importance and power of the tongue. James talks about how big a fire is ignited by a spark and how large a ship is steered by a little rudder. David tells us that one of the traits of the saved is that he "backbiteth not with his tongue" and you don't get very far in the Psalms without shouts of praise jumping off the page, Praise ye the Lord! Oh, the power of words. Words are what initiate wars and enable peace; they are able to change lives forever, for good or bad. How we



use our words in everyday life affects our own lives and thoughts, as well as those of our "neighbors," for eternity. How we speak to our family and friends, the bagger at the grocery store, the person that cuts us off, etc. all "speak" to our relationship with Jesus and to what spirit controls us. The work God has called us each to do can be boiled down to simply sharing God's "wonderful words of life." So, are you sparking flames of hope and love or burning bridges for eternity? The old phrase, "If you can't say something nice don't say anything at all" is more than sound advice, it's Biblical. Let's go into all the world, even our own homes, proclaiming the good news of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ and as we lift up others we will be amazed at how God lifts us up as well! Yes, it's a powerful little muscle, the tongue.

- Chris

PROGRAM UPDATES

Borcherding furlough speaking schedule

If you are in the mid-west you don't want to miss the opportunity to hear them share first-hand what God is doing in the Amazon jungle of Peru! Otherwise – we hope to see you at ASI!

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| June 18 | Afternoon program at Piedmont Park in Lincoln, NE |
| June 25 | Owatonna, MN |
| July 9 | Beaver Dam, WI |
| July 23 | Dodge Center, MN |
| August 3-6 | ASI in Sacramento, CA |



Multi-media volunteer

Has God led you into the multi-media field? Have you been feeling the call to serve Him as a volunteer for a time? We need a bilingual volunteer to help with newsletters, blogs, project proposals, presentations, videos, etc. – an adventurous person to accompany our pilot/pastor/Bible workers into the field to record stories, take pictures and then develop appropriate media from it. Watch for our next newsletter for the Adventist Volunteer call #.

REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

A Remnant in the jungle

The town of Masisea lies some 30 kilometers from the city of Pucallpa in the oldest and most extensive district in the Ucayali region of Peru. Its gentle hills and fertile lands have been the reason that hundreds of people from all over Peru have migrated to this place, many of them fervent Christians.

In 1985 the dusty streets of Masisea led Roberto Quispe to the home of Alex Serruche. Roberto is known as the first Adventist missionary to arrive here. From his home in northern Peru he came in search of fertile fields in order to work the land and dedicate time to talk about Jesus, whom he had only known for three years. The people listened attentively to this missionary and someone told him that an Adventist family lived in Masisea and pointed him to the house of Alex. So, one warm morning while Alex was making furniture, he heard a knock on his door and on stepping outside saw a man standing on the sidewalk. “Good morning friend!” said Roberto, as he wiped the sweat off his brow. “I understand that an Adventist family lives here and I would like to meet them”, he said with a sure voice and a cheerful countenance. “Oh, no friend; the only Adventist in my family is my mother and she lives in the city of Pucallpa,” Alex said, hoping the man would continue on his way. “Would you please bring me a glass of water?” continued Roberto, as though Alex had not said anything. What Alex didn’t know was that the



Holy Spirit was using this man as a valuable instrument to start a work in this beautiful place where there had never been an Adventist presence. He didn’t realize that this experience would change the direction of his life.

In November of 1986, the first fruits of this work were seen in nine converts, including Alex and four of his younger siblings. At that time Alex was 22 years old, and through the political and social changes that his country would experience, terrible trials awaited him. With the terrorist presence in the area



many people had to leave, including some Adventists. But a remnant remained - a handful of men that anxiously awaited a visit from another missionary.

That anxiously awaited day did arrive. On an autumn morning in 2007, in the now terrorist-free town of Masisea, it was announced in the streets that free medical attention was being offered.

The evangelistic work was fruitful and within three months sixty people were baptized. What joy for the three remaining Adventists that had dreamt of this for such a long time! But other trials came from the enemy who strove to disperse them and many again fell away.

The winter of 2011 had passed when the brave missionary family of Geisen Macedo arrived at the warm town, Geisen carrying a backpack on his back with pants rolled up because of the mud. The brethren in the small church gave him a warm welcome. "This will be my home", said the missionary as he put

his belongings down in the house that had been provided.

"From the time the first missionary was here in 1985 until now, I have felt the presence of the Lord in my life and have had the unmovable faith that one day there would be a thriving, joyful, productive church in my town." says Alex.

But the enemy is furious. One cold winter night, while the exhausted missionary was resting in his home, he awoke with a jump. He felt a sharp pain in his eyes and on opening them he realized that he was blind. He wanted to scream, thinking that he would never be able to see again, but he recovered his courage and prayed, "Heavenly Father, please restore my vision as I am working as your missionary!" The whole congregation met together to pray for him and the Lord answered their prayer. Abilio, another fervent leader who always visits the brethren after work to encourage them, woke up one morning without any strength. He didn't know what was wrong and was very afraid. When he only had a little strength left to live, the Lord heard his prayer and healed him. What a marvelous experience! We all prayed for him too.

Our missionary's zone encompasses a large territory. He must navigate the turbulent waters of the Ucayali River, a tributary of the Amazon, and penetrate native Shipibo communities who gladly receive the good news of salvation. Geisen's missionary work will soon result in many more baptisms in Masisea district. With great joy they have received this missionary that brings the good news of salvation!

- Alex Serruche, church member from Masisea

Report from Sheshea Zone

We give thanks to God for the miracles that He is doing in the lives of many people. During our missionary tour in the Shahuaya/Sheshea zone we saw the Holy Spirit working. On arriving, we organized a week of Revival, Reform, and Fasting in each church. As a result, many of the brethren that had fallen away returned to the fold as the power of the Holy Spirit moved their hearts.

While fasting on the Sabbath, several brothers that had been discouraged shared their testimonies, recognizing that this is not the time to live apart from Jesus. Seeing all this en-

courages us that God has specific purposes for every person. We are thankful to God for the privilege that He gives us to be able to enjoy the blessings of working in the Lord's vineyard taking the message of hope to many people.



- Wilfredo Maynas and Job Mattire, Bible workers in Sheshea zone

GET INVOLVED

Visit our website to see our most recent **prayer needs**, **newsletter**, and **blogs**; sign up to be a **prayer partner** or to **receive our newsletters** via e-mail; find information about organizing a **mission trip to Peru**. All this and more at: www.PeruProjects.com

Financial needs

Seeing posted financial needs in the thousands of dollars can be overwhelming, especially in these economic times! So we've broken down our needs into 'bite-size' suggestions. No gift is too small! God multiplied the widow's mite just as He continues to do today! Won't you pray about how God can use you to help His work move forward in the remote regions of the Peruvian Amazon jungle?

Sponsor a district Bible worker for a month	\$350
Donate a medical emergency flight	\$300
Sponsor a wedding so that a couple can be baptized	\$ 60
Support the construction of a new chapel	\$750
Sponsor one pastoral visit into the remote jungle	\$ 60
Print sermons for use by church leaders when no BW is present	\$ 50



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"
- God's provision for two more Bible workers to be able to go into the field
- Devastation from the flooding: homes, crops, disease
- Holy Spirit to help all see what is REALLY behind the devastations we see
- Protection against invaders
- Safety for Chris & Amy as they travel to and in the U.S.

Urgent needs

- Provision for two more Bible worker families. \$350 per Bible worker per month (includes monthly pay, transportation, food and housing).
- Tractor

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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