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THE PERÚ CORNER

A common worldview for someone who doesn't know Christ, is that all things have to be proven to be believed; in other words, "to see is to believe". But the Bible tells us that God desires His children to have a heavenly worldview - one that takes God at His Word. I want to share two very beautiful stories from the Bible about the importance of faith.

The first is framed in the context of crossing the Jordan River. Joshua 3:13 shows us that the priests had to exercise faith to obey God's command to cross the river. The text does not say that they waited at the river bank for the water to open before they began to cross. The Bible says that they had to put their feet in and get wet before the way was opened. When we are confronted with obstacles, God wants us to continue faithfully according to His word, and if He tells us to advance, then we must move forward in faith in spite of what our eyes might tell us.

The second lesson is found in Joshua 6:2. Here God is talking to Joshua telling him something that was to happen in the future, but that God had already completed. That's why the Word says "See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, [and] the mighty men of valour." (KJV) instead of saying, "I will give into thine hand Jericho...". God wants His children to live the miracle before it happens because He has promised. This is what the Bible defines as faith.

These two lessons lead us to contemplate this question: Are we really embracing the worldview that God wants for His children - true faith in Him? Or, do we insist that we must see before we will believe?

Dear friends, as Peru Projects, many times we find ourselves facing a Joshua 3:13 moment and we thank God that each time he gives us more evidence of His love and His leading as He opens the doors when we decide to move forward in faith.

May the Holy Spirit help each of us to live each day with more faith.

-Pr. Aholiab Lozano Almanza

PROGRAM UPDATES

Invasion Threat Replaced by Yucca Plants

We've written a number of times asking for urgent prayer as invaders threatened to take over land on the airbase – most recently, at the far end of the runway. We praise God that they did not succeed. Had they accomplished their aim they could easily have shut down our air program by building too close to, or on



the runway itself. God is STILL mightier than Satan and his followers! However, as a preventative measure, the Mission has now instituted a yucca growing program in the coveted areas with the brethren of San José and San Lorenzo, thereby eliminating the loophole under which potential invaders intended to steal the Lord's land. He is STILL able to care for His property better than we could ever hope to! Halleluiah!

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, presentations, videos, etc. – an adventurous young man to accompany our pilot, pastor, and/or Bible workers into the field to record stories, take pictures and then develop appropriate media from it. As we wait for the Mission/Union/Division votes, as required by church protocol, we would love to hear from you if you feel impressed that this might be a call for you! You can write to Chris at info@peruprojects.com or call Edie at 509-347-6102. Also look for our booth at the ASI convention.

REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

Making Disciples: Holy Spirit Brings 44 New Births

Spreading the Good News continues to advance and the power of the Holy Spirit continues to break hard hearts. Recently, a joint Sabbath celebration took place in the village of Nuevo Paraiso with nine church groups in the Shahuaya district. Each church brought their baptismal candidates and forty-four souls surrendered their lives to our Lord Jesus.

We are very grateful for, and marvel at, how the brethren of the missionary district of Shahuaya have been working hard to evangelize and we feel a revitalization and reform happening in these churches. As we ended this assembly the brethren promised to bring even more souls to the feet of Jesus, through God's grace, at the next district assembly in Alto Aruya in October.





We are so grateful to our Lord for this wonderful opportunity to lead this missionary district and we continue praying that He will increasingly use each of us as His instruments in spreading the Gospel.

The brethren are very motivated and thank God for the Bible workers that Peru Projects has sent and for the Divine plan to form missionary districts to attend to the spiritual needs of their churches. May the Lord continue to bless His work!

-Wilfredo Maynas and Job Mattire
Bible workers: Shahuaya district

New Zone: Estrecho Peru

The village of Estrecho is found on the border of Columbia, located on the banks of the Putumayo River, northeast of the city of Iquitos. It is the capital of the Putumayo district. Travel from Iquitos to Estrecho takes seventy minutes by plane, or 15 days by boat.

Many years ago a large number of people were introduced to the Adventist message, thanks to Pastor Augusto Doñez, but after the pastor had to leave, they didn't receive any more visits and many were drawn back into the world. When Pastor Aholiab visited this community in May, he found one faithful family still living there. Their faith is as strong as when they began and their desire is that they can be visited periodically, and if it's possible, that someone can be sent to help them raise up a church and take the Gospel to the surrounding communities in that zone.

It was truly a pleasure to meet these faithful brethren and it is our desire to be able to help them soon.

-Pr. Aholiab Lozano



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Aug 3 – 6 ASI Convention:** Sacramento California. Chris & Amy Borcharding will man our booth, along with Virgil Carner, PPI President. Stop by and say hello! They'd love to chat with you.
- **Aug 10 – 14 Shipicamp:** campmeeting specifically for our Shipibo brethren, but is open to all who live within our territory.
- **Ag 22 – Nv 27 District Harvests:** Pr. Aholiab will be visiting each BW district to conduct baptisms, weddings, and baby dedications.
- **Dec 6 – 10 Peru Projects Congress** (formerly ECLA): Pucallpa Airbase, leadership training and strategic planning with church leadership from all our groups along the Ucayali River.
- **Dec 13 – 17 Peru Projects Congress** (formerly ECLA): Iquitos, leadership training and strategic planning with church leadership from all our groups along the Maranon and Amazon Rivers.

Please be praying for the Holy Spirit to guide and direct according to His wisdom.

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

Want to help, but not sure how? Here are a few of the ways your financial support can help spread the Gospel in the Peruvian 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 jungle chapel	\$ 750
Sponsor one pastoral visit into the remote jungle	\$ 60
Print sermons for use by church leaders when no BW is present	\$ 50
Help replace aging equipment	\$20,000

Tax deductible gifts in the form of checks can be made payable to Peru Projects Inc. and mailed to the address on the back of this brochure, or visit our website for online giving options.

PRAYER PARTNERS

We see God's hand all around us in his protection and providences. 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

- 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". **We see more brethren accepting this challenge! Praise the Lord!**
- God's provision for three more Bible worker teams to be able to go into the field. **Answered! Let's send more!**
- Holy Spirit to help all see what is REALLY behind the devastations we see.
- Protection against invaders. **Answered yet again!**
- Volunteers: media specialist and mechanic.

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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