

PERU PROJECTS

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

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THE PERÚ CORNER

Something keeps catching my attention as I read through the book of Exodus. It is the amazing love that God has for His people - revealed in His personal involvement in our salvation and His desire to have us dwell with Him. Exodus 3:8 says, "...I have come down to deliver them..." and Exodus 6:6-7 says, "I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God..." Over and over again God's message to Pharaoh was, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me."

Not only did He deliver them from the Egyptians with miraculous power; He also accompanied them with a visible presence on their 40-year long journey to the promised land, supplying their needs all along the way.



Look at verses 13 and 17 in chapter 15: "You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation... You will bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which You have made for Your own dwelling..."

What an awesome thought! These people were trapped in cruel bondage, and God Himself - *the Creator of the universe* - came down to deliver them! What is equally amazing is that He continues to do the same for us today. God's people are trapped in sin and He has come down to rescue us, to redeem us, to be our God. He says to the enemy of souls "Let My people go, that they may serve Me." And He has promised that one day He will bring His people to His holy habitation that they may dwell with Him forever.

-Amy

PROGRAM UPDATES

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for opportunities to work in the Lord's vineyard? We have some! Here are just a couple of the ways we could use your assistance:

- A media specialist: a bilingual (Spanish and English speaking) male or married couple who could travel with our pastor or Bible workers in the jungle collecting pictures and testimonies and use them to maintain/update our website and newsletter and develop other promotional materials
- An aircraft/general maintenance mechanic

For more information about these opportunities or about Peru Projects, visit our website at www.peruprojects.com or check out OCI's recently redesigned website: www.outpostcenters.org. You can find us (and our volunteer opportunities) in their ministry pages. Please e-mail us at: info@peruprojects.com and let us know how God is calling you to employ your talents in His service.



Congresses 2011: "The Grand Hope"

The year 2011 was blessed with the beautiful fruit of the Holy Spirit's working in Peru Projects' territory.

To finish up the year, two meetings were organized in which the leaders of the jungle congregations received training and also gave their reports about their work in 2011 and plans for 2012. From the 7th to the 10th of December the first meeting was held at the airbase (OFASA) for the entire zone of the Upper and Lower Ucayali River, and from the 14th through the 17th the second was held in Iquitos for the area of the Marañon, Amazon, and Putumayo Rivers.



It was truly a blessed experience for all who attended. The administrators from the East Peru Mission came and spoke about themes such as: ecclesiastic administration, practical Christianity, prophecy, the sanctuary, Adventist identity, and others.

With these two activities the year 2011 passed away and a new year has begun with new expectations and goals to advance the preaching of the gospel in places where the three angels messages have not yet reached; and the attendees of these meetings returned very strengthened and eager to work.

-Pastor Aholiab Lozano



Lake Renegade propeller ready to be shipped

Air Program Update

The last several months have been a whirlwind of paperwork, maintenance, and inspections. The Lake Renegade has been grounded for over a month, at the moment waiting for its propeller to be shipped off for overhaul. The Cessna just successfully completed its bi-annual DGAC conformity inspection last week and, God willing, we will be flying it to Brazil and back on Monday as part of the complicated re-importation process that we go through once every four to six years. We are thankful for the DGAC inspector that has been assigned to us; he is an answer to prayer - very patient and helpful, quite the opposite of some of our recent experiences. With his help and that of a few others, we hope to have everything back in order very soon.

REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

God's Promises

We were coming from the native community of Ahuaypa in our little boat on our way to Pucallpa. My wife, Isabel, and I were crossing the Ucayali river when, at about the middle, a very strong wind came up against us. The waves raised themselves up higher than we believed was possible and I struggled to keep our little craft perpendicular to them. The water filled the boat more and more with each new wave, so much so that my wife couldn't keep up bailing water. We were sure we would be shipwrecked. At that moment I remembered one of the many promises from our Lord: "When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you." - Isaiah 43:2. Just then, we recognized that the waves let up a bit and gave us the opportunity to reach the other side of the river, thanks to God!

It's not surprising that while taking the message of salvation to our brothers who live in the Peruvian jungle we should encounter difficulties such as driving winds, torrential rains, scorching sun, and more; this is what Jesus told us. Sometimes we have to bear the message from God's word with suffering and tears, but it is not in vain; one day we will rejoice at the results of our labor because our God will recompense us with justice.

Thanks to God for all His promises!

-Eli Davila Lopez
Bible worker in Amaquiria District

God's Call to His Children

The evangelistic work in the Peruvian Amazon continues producing fruits of faith in many lives as people come to know Jesus, the Savior of the world. What a privilege it is to share briefly one story about how God, through the Holy Spirit, called one of His children to join himself to God's great family and kingdom.

This took place as we were in the middle of an evangelistic series in the village of Alto Aruya where people had gathered from villages all along the river for the five day event. When Pastor Aholiab Lozano gave the call, a primary school teacher who had heard the gospel for the first time and recognized Jesus as his personal Savior,



surrendered his life to God and confirmed his decision through baptism. With the experience of his conversion and new life of faith, he is eager to share the Biblical truths with his students. He also extended an invitation to us to teach them of the great love that God has for each one of them.

We give praise to God and thanks to all who make this work possible.

- Wilfredo Maynas and Job Mattire
Bible worker team in Sheshea district



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 28 - May 13
End of March
April 2 - 7
June 4 - 17

First round of pastoral visits to the various districts
Re-importation of the Cessna 182
OCI Leadership Retreat
OCI Mission Trip to Peru Projects

Contact OCI at info@outpostcenters.org to see how you can be a part of this exciting trip!

FINANCIAL NEEDS

\$350	Sponsor Bible work in a district for a month
\$300	Donate a medical emergency flight
\$ 60	Sponsor a wedding so that a couple can be baptized
\$750	Support the construction of a new chapel
\$ 60	Sponsor one pastoral visit into the remote jungle

PRAYER PARTNERS

As we think back over the last several months, we have to praise God for His goodness and the many answered prayers. We are so grateful for God's guidance and providence as we navigate through the regulatory maze of Peruvian aviation, and for the fact that the tractor has been quietly performing its duty without major complaint for a few months now. We also praise our Loving Father for His protection. Two months ago a 13-year-old daughter of one of our Bible workers was abducted as she was in Pucallpa with her mom buying supplies. She was missing for two nights and her parents didn't know what to do. Our Bible worker, experiencing unexpected delays along the way, traveled to Pucallpa to meet his wife and other children and from there started toward our base. When they arrived, they walked slowly and looked overcome with grief; but it wasn't grief, it was a combination of joy, relief, and exhaustion. Just a few minutes from our base they had encountered a motorcar with their daughter in it. God had miraculously orchestrated her escape from a child prostitution house at just the right time for her to meet her parents on the road! Praise God, she had not yet been violated, she was just beat up and hungry. We are so thankful that God watches over His children and that He is working to rescue us from sin and bring us to His home to dwell with Him forever. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer!

Current Prayer Needs & Praises

- For the character of Christ to dwell in each one of us
- Safety for us and for our Bible workers, especially as we travel the Amazon jungle basin - **Thank you, Lord!**
- Village church leadership to accept Christ's call to "Feed His sheep" - **We continue to see more brethren accepting this challenge! Praise the Lord!**
- God's provision for more Bible worker teams to be able to go into the field
- For the people living in the jungle who have lost their homes and crops again to flooding
- Protection against invasions
- That the Cessna re-importation will be completed prior to its fast approaching deadline of April 1
- Volunteers: media specialist, aircraft mechanic, etc.


If you sense God calling you to this prayer ministry, please visit our website 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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