

# PERU PROJECTS

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

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## THE PERÚ CORNER

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isa 55:9-12)

The Lord has a million ways to accomplish His purposes that we don't understand and can't even fathom. He has a plan that is perfect and countless backup plans that can fill in as needed. We look at the vast needs of the people in the jungle here and wonder how God is going to accomplish this; how is He going to reach the hearts of all these people and make the miracle of salvation reality in each life? How will He continue to use Peru Projects to touch hearts and draw, woo them to Him? But the necessity is not above Him, He has a plan in action. We want to be in the center of His "Plan A" for His work here. We see Him moving. Please pray with us that we are ready to hear His voice and walk with Him step by step as He makes His salvation a reality here in the Amazon Jungle of Peru.

-Chris

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### Updates & Opportunities

The physical leave-the-country portion of the Cessna re-importation was successfully completed just two days before boarding the plane headed for the States and the paperwork also went through without any problems. The Lake propeller, on the other hand, stayed in Lima until the middle of June. It is now in the process of overhaul and we should have it back within the month.



While stateside, Chris and Amy were privileged to be able to attend the OCI Leadership Retreat in Cohutta Springs, GA from April 2 – 7, 2012. They were encouraged and able to glean valuable advice from the speakers and ministries from all over the world. After the retreat they went to Florida, where Chris received some extra maintenance instruction for Lake Aircraft (the amphibious plane); many thanks to the folks at Amphibians Plus for all of the tips, training, and support. From Florida they flew to MN for Amy's brother's wedding and spent some time with family and friends.

While in MN, Chris was again encouraged to share our need of a tractor. He and a friend visited several people who generously gave toward this end with the assurance that they would keep their eyes open as well. The surprise came that very evening when Chris received a phone call saying that God had provided a John Deere tractor – exactly what we had dreamed of! We are now in the process of raising funds for the shipping and importation expenses and making sure all the paperwork is in order to receive it in Peru. Praise the Lord!

The OCI mission trip to Peru had to be cancelled for this year. It may be that God knew all that would be going on and the difficulties of hosting a group at this time. We praise Him for His blessings and providence.

We are still looking for volunteers to fill some positions here in Peru: a media specialist (male, Spanish & English speaking, willing to travel in the jungle) and an aircraft/general mechanic. Certainly families are welcome; is God calling you? Contact us! [info@peruprojects.com](mailto:info@peruprojects.com)



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## REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

### *Miracles From the Lord*

The brethren of Estrecho in the Putumayo River basin, with much longing, dreamed of one day having a church building. Their dreams were to become reality through a series of miracles. The first miracle happened like this. One day a man came and introduced himself as a chainsaw operator and volunteered to cut boards for the church. A few of the brethren made a pact with the Lord and were able to gather some money to buy gasoline and oil (those products are expensive in this place) with which they were able to build the entire frame, but they lacked the boards for the walls, because in the midst of their work the chainsaw broke down and the brethren questioned, “now what do we do?” We stood there with arms crossed, not able to do anything.



We decided to fast and pray to petition the Lord, the owner of all the silver and gold, for donors. We pleaded with the Lord telling Him that we had done all that we were able to do and we could go no further and we said, “Lord, you have children who are businessmen, knock on the doors of their hearts and impress them to help finish your church”.

Up until this moment we had been meeting together in the home of Hector Sanchez because the brethren were ashamed to meet in the church building without walls. I convinced them to begin meeting in the unfinished church and during our first meeting (prayer meeting on Wednesday night) we prayed that donors would come. At the end of our worship time a person came and asked, “How much wood do you need to finish the walls?” We responded that we needed 240 boards and 120 slats; then the visitor told us that within 8 days we would have what we needed. That was the second miracle.

Estrecho is a border village where there are various civil and military institutions, from which one day a young man came and asked for the missionary from the Adventist church and he was directed to me. He introduced himself as Dr. Victor Chambi, medic in the Peruvian army. He offered to give us a donation of 400 soles (about \$150) so that we could finish our church building. But he asked that we give him 15 days to deliver his contribution. We gave thanks to God because He was answering our prayers. That was the third miracle.

The fourth miracle I want to tell you about happened while we were putting the doors on the church. We were short one hinge and we didn't have money to buy one. We began saying, “who will donate a hinge?” Someone answered, “Let's use a piece of rubber from a boot”. As we were fastening the rubber someone came by and told us that was going to look bad on the door of a church and he gave us two hinges.

Truly we are very content because the Lord our God has responded to our petitions and all the brethren are happy attending the meetings as we've seen the wonders that God has wrought when we could do no more.

The land that our church is on was purchased by the East Peruvian Mission, the structure was built by the miraculous hand of God as described above, and the tin roof, the paint, and the sign were donated by Peru Projects, responsible for the work in this place. Many thanks to All.



-Elvio Manuyama & Wife  
Bible worker team in Estrecho

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## Hastening the Work

In the missionary district of Shahuaya on the Upper Ucayali River, God is richly blessing. We are seeing the Holy Spirit work in the hearts of the brethren leading them to take up the work of evangelism.

In the first trimester of this year we organized 16 small groups in our district. Our principle objective was to create a community that takes interest in people, that shares Christ with those who don't know Him, and that understands the importance of small groups for spiritual growth, missionary work, maintaining a connection with God, formation of leaders, and strengthening human relationships, all of which form the basis for missionary work. We want the Bible to speak to their hearts, transform their lives, and be their nourishing solid spiritual food.

In each church, small groups are meeting in church members' homes every Monday and Thursday evening. There is no electricity for lights in these communities, but this is not an excuse to forgo meeting in their small groups. With candles lit in their houses, the brethren invite their friends and family to study the Bible, to fellowship, and above all to present Jesus as the Great Hope of their lives.

We want to thank God for the opportunity that He has given us to lead this missionary district!

In order to promote the evangelistic work that we have planned to do, through the small groups we train and equip the brethren to be able to put it into practice. We bring a small group to open a new field of labor in a community where there is no Adventist presence (like Compirushari which is 13 km from Nuevo Paraiso) and we teach them how to make the first contact with people there. We have seen wonderful results!

In Compirushari, the population in general opened their doors to the missionary work and the Word of God was very well received. Our church brothers are very happy because they have experienced sharing the Word of God for themselves. After two weeks a small group of young people planned to visit Compirushari again. This time they went without us, just them with their leader to do the work, and when they returned home they joyfully shared their experience with us. We are very happy because the Holy Spirit is doing a work of reformation and revival in the lives of our brethren.



The result of the work of the church in the district of Shahuaya can be seen reflected in the third congress that we held from the 8th through the 12th of May, where 22 souls were baptized for Christ.

In this second trimester we have planned to open two new areas where there is no Adventist presence and we petition our brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for the evangelistic work in the district of Shahuaya.

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

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## 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
Unknown	Costs involved to import the tractor and shipping container

## PRAYER PARTNERS

We are excited about the reports we are hearing from our Bible workers on the front lines as they see the villagers they are discipling step out to share their faith! What a thrill it must be for them to see the fruits of their labors. At the same time, we petition your prayers on behalf of our Bible workers. Two of them have recently suffered strange illnesses, and the wife of another has been in poor health for more than two months. We can't help but wonder if these are attacks from the enemy as God's kingdom advances in the jungle.

### 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
- 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—**and praise God for the provision for those that are out to continue!**
- Tractor—that the necessary Peruvian documents can be obtained quickly, for guidance and funding through the shipping and importation process, **and thanks & praise for God's provision!**
- 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](#).

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**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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