

PERU PROJECTS

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

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THE PERÚ CORNER

My name is Chris Marshall. I am a student at Southern Adventist University. I recently had the opportunity to volunteer with Peru Projects for about three weeks. I traveled to six different villages in the Jungle with Pastor Aholiab to take photos and video of the work that is being done in the jungle. Coming from the US, life in the jungle was definitely a culture shock for me. In order to get to one of the villages, we had to take a twenty-one hour boat trip. The boat we traveled on was a type of public transportation called a launch. It



was slightly bigger than a bus, and before we left, the boat filled up with people, people's stuff, and people's animals. Never before have I had chickens, pigs, and turtles walk under me when I was trying to sleep.

In one of the villages that we visited, I was able to see a new church that was being planted. Although the church had not yet been built, there were 29 people that could not wait to gather and study their Bibles. The people of Coshireni had found something worth living for. On Sabbath, the whole village gathered to see the village leader, his wife, and his two oldest sons baptized. When the man came up out

of the river, he was soaking wet, but not just from the waters of the Breu River. Weeping, he hugged his wife as he walked out of the river a new man. Because Peru Projects cared enough to bring the gospel to these people, their lives are going to be changed forever. In a place where most people have no hope for the future, Jesus is becoming real.



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- Chris Marshall
Volunteer



PROGRAM UPDATES

Welcome Nathan

We are happy to introduce our new student missionary who is taking on the “media specialist” volunteer position here in Peru:

Hello, my name is Nathan Roe. I am a photography student from Andrews University and I have the privilege of helping Peru Projects with media and communications for the next 10 months. During this time I hope to help Peru Projects show the world the need that is in the jungle, both physical and spiritual. And to show what we are doing to try and meet those needs. I also hope to gain more practical experience in photography, graphic design, and web programming. I'm sure my time here will be an adventure. Please pray for me and the work here as we move forward with these projects and as I learn to speak Spanish.



Moving Forward

Since attending the OCI leadership retreat and making great contacts there, we've been laying plans for a new pilot program for health evangelism. We have coordinated with an OCI ministry in Columbia called Vida Sana Redencion to receive a couple later this year who are currently finishing up their health evangelism training. Many thanks to Missions Projects Inc. for joining us with their loving support of this new mission venture. The plan is to send them out to each of our districts one by one to work alongside our other Bible workers to advance the work in the districts that we already labor in while the new health worker team learns about the peoples, products and needs here in the Peruvian Amazon. Please be praying for them and for Peru Projects as we look forward to and prepare for their arrival.



As for the tractor, we are trying not to be anxious as we wait for the different steps in the process down here to be accomplished. We are constantly seeing things that this tractor will help with. Thank you for your prayers as we move forward to the goal of receiving and putting this blessing to good use, hopefully in the not too distant future. To this end, we have received tax free status in Peru and need to get a few more approvals before we are ready to bring it down. In the mean time, God has been blessing us that the other tractor has been holding up and it has been an unusually dry summer here (less mowing required).

Those of you who have been helping us pray for the Lake Renegade propeller and its export, overhaul, and importation, we sincerely thank you. The propeller is finally back on the airplane and just awaiting a final inspection by the aviation authority before we again begin river flights. Quite a few village leaders are waiting to hear that we are again up and available for emergency evacuations, etc.

The last thing I'm going to say for now is in regard to an urgent prayer need. The Peruvian aviation authority, with the reported purpose of cutting down drug trafficking, has declared that no flights can be approved to a



runway that is not authorized. This basically shuts down civic and emergency flights to the vast majority of villages in the jungle, crippling our use of the Cessna. There are a handful of places we can still go with it, but a large percentage of the runways are now off limits. They are also making sea plane flights more difficult, only approving on a one by one basis. We are looking forward to the Lake very soon being back in service and filling in the gaps, but the reality is that the wheeled plane is more economical to operate and is a big blessing to the air program. Please join us in prayer that the government will realize what they are doing to the villages physically, if not spiritually by restricting these flights.

REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

This is What We've Been Waiting For!

On July 18, 2012 we arrived at the village of Tiruntán with a population of approximately 2000 inhabitants. It is in the district of Padre Marquez on the Ucayali River, one day downstream by launch from Pucallpa. At 9:00am my wife and I began walking from house to house distributing the book, "La Gran Esperanza" (a portion of "The Great Controversy"); we were able to put 250 books in the hands of the people.

This work we did with prayer and fasting. The most surprising thing was that we heard about forty percent of the people say, "this is what we have been waiting for someone to tell us of the gospel." The question was, "when will you come again?" So, after allowing a little time for them to read the book, we are moving to this place to work, looking for interested people to study with. Our goal is fifty students; I know we will meet it with the help of the Holy Spirit whom our God has promised to be with us through all our days.



For this work we need much prayer, because the tempter will do everything possible to impede the Lord's work. Thank you very much for your prayers.

Antonio Zatalaya
Bible worker in Padre Marquez District

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 26 - 28 Lake Renegade inspection
- Beginning of November OCI South American Leadership Retreat

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 received a distressing call from one of our Bible workers on Friday. Apparently an epidemic has broken out near the village of Amaquiria and as of Friday six children had died and six more were infected. Nearest we can tell it sounds like whooping cough, though a diagnosis is needed in order to prescribe a treatment. Flights are prohibited to that community at the moment (along with the majority of the villages in the jungle), but we can request special permission to land there if there is a good reason for it, i.e. bringing a doctor, nurse, or medicines. We did some calling around, as did the municipality, to find out what kind of help was available, but in the end nothing could be done because the medical system is on strike! Please join us in praying for these families and for the ability to meet emergencies like this in the future.

We are hopeful that introducing health evangelism to the jungle will help minimize suffering by providing guidelines for healthy living as well as options (natural remedies, basic first aid instruction, etc.) in the event of an emergency. Praise God for the privilege He has given all of us to be His hands and feet, ministering to the needs of others. Lord, please open our eyes to the opportunities you give us to love as you love us.

Current Prayer Needs & Praises

- For the character of Christ to dwell in each one of us
- God's provision for more Bible worker teams to be able to go into the field
- Health evangelism in the jungle and the couple coming from Columbia
- Epidemic near Amaquiria
- Tractor importation and preparations
- Runway restrictions
- Volunteers: media specialist - **Praise the Lord!**, aircraft mechanic (still needed), 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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