

THE PERÚ CORNER

What's in a name?

I have recently been paying more attention to names as I go through the Bible. Some of the names I have come across intrigue me. A few names seem to have lost their original meaning and have taken on another meaning entirely. One, for example, is Ariel. It brings to my mind the Disney cartoon, the Little Mermaid. However, in the Bible, from the Hebrew, Ariel means “Lion of God”. Its meaning doesn't fit the cutesy images that rise to my mind's eye.



The name Ariel means Lion of God.

I think of the name of our ministry, Peru Projects. The “Peru” part seems obvious to me, yet I'm regularly asked if Peru Projects works in other countries as well. The “Projects” part is a little different. What does this mean? We've at times been confronted by those who think that we're looking for “projects” to give money to and they have just the thing, but we explain that our projects are more than just to encourage the further development of a village or some secular investment opportunity. Our “Projects” are the Bible worker program, the air program and soon to be the health work. The name of our ministry tells who we are and what we do.

And then there is “Christian”; many take this title upon themselves. But what does it mean? Originally it was used as sort of an insult. But truly it is a noble name and a very high calling. Christian means “one like Christ.” To be like Jesus; it seems like it is a name that is better to be called by others than to just claim for yourself. To have others see Christ in me

and not just have my word, but my life testify to it. How about “Adventist” for those of us who take it? Are we truly looking forward to Jesus' second coming? Do we live like we are? What a responsibility and a privilege God has given each one of us to be His representatives. Please continue to pray

that the people He has called us to serve would come to take His precious name and be Christ like; and also for each of us as we seek God's grace to rightly represent Him and that none of us ever take His Holy and precious name in vain.

*By Chris Borcharding
- Local Director*



Our “Projects” are the Bible worker, and air programs

PROGRAM UPDATES

Here is what has been going on with our projects:

Tractor Importation - things are moving forward, but as with all paperwork in Peru, it is at a snail's pace. We have received one approval from APCI, the Peruvian International Cooperation Agency, and now we need to apply for one more. We hope this is the last approval we need in Peru before we can begin the importation process.

Aircraft - the Lake amphibious airplane has received permission to fly and we are relieved to have it again



REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

A Miraculous Power

It was the start of spring. Rafael, Edwin, and I had drawn up plans to enter a new village nine hours walk away. We had traced out our route to the community of Nuevo Loreto. When the day and the hour of our departure arrived, my traveling companions were nowhere to be seen. I tried to find them, but was unsuccessful. Right then I began to feel sick, so sick that it threatened to impede my travel - an intense headache, cough, and fever. The first thing I did was fall on my knees to pray. I prayed that God would give me strength and courage to carry the Adventist message to this village so far away. I gathered my bags, even though I ached all over, and called my three children and my wife together to pray. I looked

ready for any emergencies that may arise. Please keep praying that the aviation authority repeals their rule closing all unauthorized runways.

Health Evangelism - Chris and Amy just returned from the Latin America OCI Leadership Conference in Colombia where they were able to obtain some ideas and advice from a few different ministries and make some valuable contacts. We are now studying our options as we consider what will be the best way to incorporate the health work into our current Bible worker program. Health evangelism is rapidly expanding in Colombia and we are eager to see how God will use it here in Peru as well.

Estrecho - the ministry of religious affairs in the municipality of Estrecho, the district we began working in last year has decided to give an engine to each of the church entities in Estrecho. Praise God, just when we were hoping to begin expanding the work in this new district, He inspires the local government to supply the means of transportation; we only have to make the boat!



at my wife, and with a sad face she said, "Don't go; you're sick and it's so far. You can't go alone." But I had the courage to respond, "I'm going because I'm not alone; I go with Jesus."

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I walked for some thirty minutes. Before I left home I had felt very ill, but all of a sudden I didn't feel sick at all. Immediately I began to thank the Lord and sing praises to His name. After walking nearly all day I arrived at a village where nobody knew me. A woman came up to me and asked if I was looking for someone. I told her, no, I had just come to visit the village. She asked me, "Are you a teacher?" I responded, "No". "Are you a nurse?" "No", I said, "I am a brother from the Adventist Church." The woman's face lit up and she said to me, "Welcome brother; come, let's go to my house. My son-in-law and daughter are Adventists, they're not here right now, but don't worry, I will call them; they should be here with you."

Testimony from a Sister in Christ

My name is Celina Ortiz Tapullima. I'm forty years old and I was born in the village of San Carlos. I learned the truth of the seventh-day Sabbath and committed to keep the day of rest as God commands. I didn't do any work on that day. At the time, there was no Adventist Church, only a Sunday Church, so I rested on the Sabbath at home and on Sundays I attended the Church.

One day I got very sick and I had to travel to Iquitos for treatment. During the trip, the public launch I was traveling on tipped over. In my desperation I said to the Lord, "If you save me, I will serve you more every day." At that moment I looked over and I saw a large wooden board. I climbed up on it and the river drug me around. In a short while some people came to help us. Many lost their lives that day. I returned to my home because I had lost all the things that I was bringing with me; but the most amazing thing was that when I arrived at my house, I no longer felt any pain.

Her daughter arrived and we held an evangelistic meeting that night. The people sat in awe as I preached about the love of God expressed through the prophet Hosea. I saw that the Holy Spirit is at work here, because they requested that we visit them often. I am making plans to continue visiting them; they want a church building to worship God in.

Dear brothers who are supporting this great work; we ask that you pray for these fourteen neighboring communities in the district of Masisea. There are many who have not yet heard that Jesus is coming soon.

*By Geisen Macedo
Bible Worker in Masisea District*



A short time later the missionary launch arrived in San Carlos with some young American ladies and pastor Esteban Marin. They held meetings and showed Christian videos. At that time several of us were baptized and the nine of us began

meeting in my house for worship on Sabbaths. Over time our group gradually diminished; but I continued in the faith of Christ. Today we have a beautiful church in which to worship our Creator and our group is growing. God can work great miracles in our lives if we surrender our hearts to Him. Amen.

*By Celina Ortiz Tapullima
Church member in San Carlos*

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

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. Matthew 5:48, NKJV.

It means much to be a consistent Christian. It means to walk circumspectly before God, to press toward the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ. It means to bear much fruit to the glory of Him who gave His Son to die for us. As sons and daughters of God, Christians should strive to reach the high ideal set before them in the gospel. They should be content with nothing less than perfection....

Let us make God's holy Word our study, bringing its holy principles into our lives...

—Youth's Instructor, September 26, 1901.

May God help each one of us to seek Him with our whole heart, to rightly represent Him, and to faithfully carry out the work He has called us to do.

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
- For wisdom and guidance as we plan for the coming year
- Health evangelism in the jungle and the health workers coming from Columbia
- Epidemic near Amaquiria - **Praise the Lord, our Bible worker was able to coordinate some help while we were in Colombia and the epidemic is now being treated.**
- Tractor importation and preparations
- Runway restrictions
- Volunteers: 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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