

THE PERÚ CORNER

Change

Change can be frightening. Whether it's a new job, moving to a new town, or something as simple as changing brands of toothpaste or maybe just doing something differently. Whatever it is, the element of uncertainty that comes with change can take its toll on any of us. Questions flood our minds. Will we do well in our new endeavors? Should we have stayed where we were? All of this can cast a shadow over the excitement and the benefits of the change. As Christians we have an advantage, we know that whatever happens, with Christ we can handle it. Just remember what the Bible says in Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We also know that whatever change comes our way, he has our welfare in mind. Jeremiah 29:11 says this well; "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Another thing to keep in mind when change comes our way and it seems like nothing in life is the same, is that God has not changed. Hebrews 13:8 says it plainly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." This is comforting, God has our back and he always will.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Farewell Aholiab and Sandra

In December of 2009 a recent graduate from UPeU, the Adventist University in Lima, Peru, came to Pucallpa to serve as pastor of the jungle. Aholiab



While change can be frightening it is also necessary. As we move closer to Christ we find things in our lives that no longer fit, and as the journey continues the areas which we need to change will become clear to us. This change is not necessarily easy but in order to continue our spiritual growth it is essential. C. S. Lewis sums it up well when he says:

"It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad."

Please join us in prayer as we seek God's continued leading through the changes taking place here.

By Nathan Roe

Lozano joined Peru Projects to fill a request from the East Peruvian Mission to have a full-time pastor overseeing the evangelism work in the jungle. In May of 2010 Aholiab then wed his lovely wife Sandra and the following month the new couple began their ministry together from the air base here in San Jose.

Aholiab has spent the last three years traveling throughout the jungle, encouraging the church members and leading the Bible workers in evangelism, mass weddings, and baptisms, spreading the enthusiasm of sharing an adventure with God throughout our districts. But as is life here on this planet, change is ever a reality. Although he will miss the jungle immensely, Aholiab and Sandra are taking steps in a new adventure.



Aholiab had come to Peru Projects with a dream to serve the peoples in the jungle and that he was able to do, but another part of his dream was the use of his pilot's license. This has not

been a possibility for a variety of reasons, but one big obstacle was a lack of the experience and ratings required to safely operate here in the jungle. This dream has not left him and as of the end of 2012 this young couple has left Peru Projects to pursue further flight training. They will be missed, but we hope the very best for them as a couple and as a team. God has plans for them, we are sure, as He does for the future of Peru Projects in our ongoing outreach to the peoples in the Peruvian Amazon basin. Though our paths are parting ways, we proceed with anticipation of all that the Lord has for them and for us in 2013.

Welcome Rosendo

We would like to welcome Pastor Rosendo to the Peru Projects team. We look forward to his help ministering to those in the jungle. Here is a little about him: Rosendo Aguirre Velazco was born in Arequipa, Peru on November 12, 1978. He was part of a very traditional Catholic family, but from the time he heard the Adventist message and was baptized at age ten, he was always very interested in spiritual things and wanted to one day become a missionary.



During his childhood and adolescence he studied in different educational institutions, in different towns, finally finishing his high school education at the Titicaca Adventist School in the city of Juliaca, in the department of Puno.

His higher education took place in the Universidad Peruana Union (Peruvian Union University) in the city of Lima. He graduated in 2002 from the theology program with a focus on religion and public health.

He has preached the gospel through various church ministries: directing evangelistic programs on a radio program called Nuevo Tiempo, working as chaplain in Adventist schools, promoting health through an agency called Pro Salud Integral, working as a colporteur, and volunteering as a missionary with the Thousand Missionary Movement, among others. In 2013 he received a call from the East Peruvian Mission to serve as missionary in the jungle, where he currently works as part of the Peru Projects team.

Medical Ministry

We are looking forward to the arrival of Dr. Edward Prodanovic in February. He is a pediatrician, dermatologist, and internal medicine specialist who has decided to spend six months using the talents God has

given him to serve His needy children in Peru. He will be conducting medical campaigns in various villages in conjunction with the work our Bible workers are doing and we know his service here will be a great blessing to many.

REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

Missionary Testimony: Noe Mattire

Brother Noe Mattire served as a missionary in the Puerto Breu district on the border of Brazil during the year 2012. For a time he worked in the district capital itself and later in response to a need he was assigned to the community of Coshireni. This community is composed mostly of Seventh-Day-Adventists that came from different places in order to work.

The challenge was to build a church there to worship God in the midst of other communities that live in complete ignorance of the Adventist message. To accomplish the goal was not easy, mentions brother Noe. He had to endure various difficulties and he saw clearly that the enemy worked hard to interrupt or hinder the work.

There were accidents while the wood for construction was being cut, the brothers in the church began to have problems and were divided. It seemed that the missionary many times was working alone since no one was helping him. The very church members that had asked him to help them were now losing their enthusiasm.

Soon the missionary began to get sick and his health declined little by little, finally leaving him bed ridden for days at a time unable to move. Then one day he had a supernatural experience. An evil angel appeared to him and spoke to him clearly, "Your sacrifice is not worth it; if you want to recover your health you only have two options. You can either leave this place or fast for 40 days." The evil angel spent several minutes slandering God's character and criticizing



God's laws, saying that they enslave and don't allow humans the opportunity to be happy.

This being had an extraordinary beauty, yet in his face one could tell he had lived many years, said brother Noe as he referred to this fallen angel.

What does one do in these circumstances? It was evident that the enemy didn't want a place of worship for the Creator to be built in this place, that's why he did everything possible to destroy the church and now he wanted to get rid of the missionary. Would the missionary get discouraged and abandon the work?

In the midst of his poor health, Noe directed the church members warning them and encouraging them at the same time to finish the work that was started. Thanks to God the work did continue and finally in the month of December the beautiful chapel was dedicated.

Please keep brother Noe in your prayers as he is recuperating in his family's home and plans to return to this district to continue the work there.

As related to Pr. Rosendo by Noe Mattire

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7-10: Bible worker training at airbase

February 11 - 16: Training for church leaders from villages all over the jungle

February 10: Dr. Prodanovic arrives

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
\$ 8 each	Bibles for evangelism work
Unknown	Costs involved to import the tractor and shipping container

PRAYER PARTNERS

As you've read all throughout this newsletter, Peru Projects has been experiencing some significant changes recently; from changes in leadership in the East Peruvian Mission (whom we work with closely), to new ministry possibilities opening up, to changes in our own pastor and Bible workers. We have been encouraged with some of the changes that have come about, while others have left us a little puzzled as to how to proceed. But we know that God's hand is guiding it all and we look forward to seeing how it will all come together. Please join us in prayer as we seek to fulfill God's purposes.

Current Prayer Needs & Praises

- For the character of Christ to dwell in each one of us
- That God would bring the workers/ missionaries/ volunteers that he has been preparing for such a time as this
- Wisdom for Rosendo as he takes on his role as full-time pastor for the jungle
- Tractor importation and preparations
- Runway restrictions

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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