

THE PERÚ CORNER

Discipleship

Mathew 28:19-20 says: Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*” Amen.

Jesus’s command is to make disciples. While the Savior was walking on this earth, he ministered to human beings, preaching, teaching, and healing. He visited them in their homes, preached to great multitudes and dedicated a special time to care for the sick. If that alone had been His work, He would have returned to heaven and there would have only remained beautiful memories of Him and His teachings. Maybe His stories and miracles would have been repeated for some generations and Jesus would only be a historical figure.

The Bible does not say that Jesus’s sole ministry was to attend to the multitudes. The Word of God teaches that Jesus formed a small school with twelve students. The Bible also talks about seventy special people that were students of Jesus, and many others that were very close to Him.

Jesus took it on Himself to make disciples. He demonstrated to them how to live and preach, eventually sending them out to preach and form more disciples. Jesus spent a lot of time with them because from the day that He would return to heaven, they would continue the work that was started.



The Sermon on the Mount by Carl Heinrich Bloch.

The truth is that every Christian should be a disciple. A person convinced and converted. A person committed to share the Good News he has received, a person that lives to talk to others about Jesus, out of love.

Are we dedicated to forming true disciples? Am I a disciple? Are you a true disciple of Jesus?

Let’s begin to know more about Jesus and have an intimate relationship with Him. Let’s learn more about His teachings and live obeying all things that He has commanded us and then we will fulfill our mission of making disciples. Peru Projects is committed to forming true disciples. It is our desire to carry the gospel to the farthest reaches of the jungle and do the work that Jesus did when He walked among us.

By Rosendo Aguirre

PROGRAM UPDATES

Church leadership training

The annual Bible worker and Church leadership training was held on the airbase from February 7 - 16. The primary focus was on a personal, growing relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Twenty-eight church leaders from various congregations throughout the jungle attended the event and about a quarter of those were young adults. Pastor Rosendo Aguirre arranged an ambitious schedule for the participants. Each morning they met in the chapel at 4:30am for prayer, meditation, and a time of sharing. After breakfast and in the afternoon they attended classes where they learned Bible study

methods, how to address difficulties in the church, discipleship, and various aspects of Christian living. Dr. Eddy and nurse technician Brandon presented themes about health, including the need for water, prevention of common ailments, and the use of simple remedies. East Peruvian Mission Secretary Pastor Wilbert Maluquish and accountant Ivan Ruiz, also came to share a few words. The participants took turns organizing the evening worship; each night a village leader shared a testimony and a Bible worker preached a sermon. On Sabbath afternoon everyone went to visit house to house in San Jose, where they prayed and encouraged the community members. All of the training was very well received and not a few commented that they were learning very useful skills that they intended on sharing in their villages.



Dr. Eddy Joins us

I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to join Peru Projects for the next 5 months and volunteer as a medical missionary. It has always been my desire to dedicate an extended period of time to the medical mission field when I finished my residencies. My name is Edward Prodanovic, but most call me Eddy. I was born and raised in southern California but have lived in various parts of the US since my undergraduate studies. I completed my board certifications in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and most recently in Dermatology. I am currently accompanied by my cousin Brandon Andrus who is a nursing student. I pray that working with the pastor and the missionaries, we will be able to reach many more people both medically and spiritually. There is a great need in these areas and sometimes the work may even seem overwhelming but having your prayers and taking one day at a time, I know the Lord will bless this work more abundantly than we could have ever imagined. I hope to keep you updated on the work and interesting cases along the way. God bless you all.

Eddy Prodanovic

Welcome Rosario



My name is Ursula Rosario Apaza Humerez; I was born in Juliaca in 1983 and I have 5 siblings. From a very young age my brother Javier taught me the importance of praying and studying the Bible. I lived with my family until I went to college. I was very afraid to be on my own and

I felt the need to pray. I finished my course of study in agricultural engineering at the National University of the High Plains, Puno and started to work. Soon after I had a very unpleasant encounter with a brother from the church. So unpleasant that I was angry with God for letting it happen. I decided I would never go out to share God's word, just work at my job. Before much time had passed I understood the reality of working in a non-Christian institution. I begged God to help me out of that job; I told Him I wanted to do His work. I quit and soon after someone handed me a flyer with the headline "One Year for Christ". It was from the Thousand Missionary

Movement. I called and although it was past the time of registration they accepted me. I arrived in Pucallpa for the training and spent unforgettable weeks learning about the life of Jesus. While there I also learned about Peru Projects. Somewhere deep in my heart was an inexpressible desire to work as part of this great team. I served with the Thousand Missionary Movement for two years and since then my life has never been the same. Afterwards I worked a year and a half for the state, which was another learning experience that God guided me to. Again I could see the glory of God even in this project for the state, and I understood that wherever a person is, they can honor and glorify His name by giving a good testimony to others.

When I received a call to work with Peru Projects, I was ready to accept this new challenge. Now I live on the airbase. Every morning when I go out to run I remember all that God has done in my life and I feel very good - healthy and happy to be able to contribute to God's work.

Rosario Apaza

REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

Nuevo Eden

Monday February 18th we began the process of asking permission for flights for the coming week. The first of these flights was to Nuevo Eden to drop off Pastor Rosendo for some local church leader training and preparations for the medical outreach we planned to hold that weekend. Wednesday morning came and still we hadn't received our permit. As many of you may remember, some changes took place a little over a year ago, stopping all flights to places other than government authorized runways. All rivers, lakes and village runways were inaccessible. Recently the tide has shifted slightly and, though they do not yet allow flights to land runways in the villages, we are now able to make requests for flights to rivers and lakes and can be granted permission in due time. We were not able to get permission granted for the Wednesday flight until late afternoon, past our safe go time, and so had to scratch that flight, but God still had something in store for Nuevo Eden. Thursday we received our permission for our weekend flight and were able to surprise the church family on Sabbath morning as we over flew the



village and came in for a landing. They were so happy to see us; it was a blessed time of fellowship, encouragement and worship! Rosendo and the local elders held the morning services with much singing and teaching and in the afternoon Dr. Eddy, with Chris translating, saw dozens of patients. Along with the medical attention, the patients received health counsel and prayer and in the afternoon prior to the setting of the sun, a beautiful baptism took place on the banks of the Pisqui river. What a glorious high Sabbath! Please pray for the people along the various rivers in the jungle and also for the DGAC, the Peruvian aviation authority, that we can once again renew flights to the villages. There is a great work yet to be done and, as Jesus Himself told us, "the harvest is great, but the laborers are few."

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5-9 Medical campaign in Santa Rita on the Marañon River

March 12-23 Missionary training in the village of Estrecho on the Colombian border

March 14-26 Medical campaign in several villages along the Puhinahua River

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

We are so thankful and excited to have the team we have right now here in Peru. Rosario has already been a tremendous help in the office. We can see that her personality and ambition are a perfect fit for the need she came to fill. Dr. Eddy, Brandon, and their translator, Antonio, have started their first round of travel for medical campaigns in the northern part of Peru. They will be out for nearly two months, working alongside our Bible workers in their various districts, and occasionally with Pastor Rosendo as he visits and conducts training in several villages as well. Nathan continues to faithfully keep us on track with communication and has a wonderful habit of jumping in to help wherever he sees an opportunity. We are eager to see how God will guide this team in the coming months; we know He has big plans for the work here in the jungle.

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 - **Praise the Lord, we are so thankful for the team He is putting together here!**
- Safety and God's guidance for the pastor, missionaries and medical team as they travel and minister. Also for Nathan in the coming weeks as he tours the southern part of Peru in conjunction with a trip out of the country to renew his visa.
- 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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