

PERU PROJECTS

Taking the gospel to the jungle

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THE PERÚ CORNER

Loyalty

Loyalty. It's a word that seems to be losing definition in our modern *me* driven world. As I think about where I've even heard the word recently, it only seems to be spoken of in terms of keeping customers such as product or customer loyalty, and even that is all about the bottom line of financial gain. But what is loyalty?

Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines it as:

1: unswerving in allegiance: as

a : faithful in allegiance to one's lawful sovereign or government

b : faithful to a private person to whom fidelity is due

c : faithful to a cause, ideal, custom, institution, or product

As I look at it, I think that it is a great definition for us as Christians. We are to be unswerving in our allegiance to our Sovereign Lord and King of the universe, (who is also a very personal God, Emanuel) and to His government, and to all that He stands for! Loyalty means standing with Him when He's not popular. It means to not be ashamed of His Gospel. It means standing for principle and not backing

down, to our own hurt, if need be, because of what He's done for us and who He is. It may come to mean that we're willing to do what's right and Biblical even when the rest of the world, and even other Christians call it legalism, fanaticism, or just plain insane.

In our current culture, I have to think that, now more than ever, it is becoming more unacceptable to be loyal. As people increasingly think only of themselves and care less and less about "the other guy," loyalty is misunderstood. People may even ask, "what's wrong with you?"

No one likes to suffer loss or pain; we all like to be comfortable both physically and emotionally. Not only does being loyal hold social implications; it can be a very real struggle from within as well. Loyalty truly means placing someone or something else above ourselves and being willing to suffer that they and our relationship to them does not.

Just like us, our brothers and sisters here in the jungle struggle at times to remain loyal. So many things tug at them, needs beyond our day to day understanding can be ever pressing: such as living hand to mouth and purchasing food just enough for the day, keeping Sabbath holy can be a leap of faith. Taking advantage of a bad situation for gain can be a true temptation. Moving in with your fiancé instead of marrying because it's easier and cheaper is a real problem here. We all have our battles, please pray for our brothers and sisters in the jungle and always remember that our Loving Savior is there to give us strength.

I thank God for His great loyalty to us, His faithfulness, all based in His great Love. It IS His will, let us seek His help to be Loyal!

- Chris



PROGRAM UPDATES

Health Work

Hearing the call of God and seeing the need, Peru Projects is moving forward with preparations for a health evangelism training program for Peru. With God's help we hope to begin our first training in 2014 with a special focus on reaching areas that are more difficult to access or have limited resource in electricity, gas, running water etc. Plans are being laid for an earthen oven bakery, organic gardens, and possibly a small engines repair training. Please pray with us as God puts together the team needed to make this a reality.

Colombia

Our local team recently spent 10 days in Colombia meeting with other supporting ministries and learning



about how God is using them in their respective works in South America. We were also blessed to meet a family and

another young man who we have invited to join us as parts of the team we're building for health evangelism training.

River Visits

Pastor Rosendo has been traveling, almost without

REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

Bretaña, Ucayali

I recently visited villages on the Puinahua River. Our Bible workers in this district were studying God's word with the inhabitants of Bretaña. One day I went along to visit one of these families,

stop. There are several campmeeting/trainings coming up as well as mass weddings and baptisms planned before the middle of December. We look forward to seeing all that God has in store for His work in the coming days!

Container

Peru Projects' Peruvian entity, Proyectos Peru, has finally received approval to import donated items and we are now awaiting approval of our shipping list. Thankfully, we are getting closer to finally receiving this long awaited blessing.

Lake Annual Inspection

We've been blessed to receive the help of some



friends from a local aviation company, Aero Andino, in the inspection of the Lake amphibian. They donated their time to help us in this required inspection as Chris does not have the Peruvian licensure to be able to sign off a Peruvian registered plane.

they have twin daughters. We presented the Gospel of Christ to them and the family was amazed by the truths presented, specifically about the Sabbath. One of the twins came to church the next Saturday. That Sunday the mis-

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sionaries went again to visit this family and one of the twins decided to be baptized despite some other family opposition. We give thanks to God



that Milcah Simas is now a member of the Church in Bretaña.

During my visit, I found a field ready for harvest. Preparations were made for the group wedding where 3 couples were ready to fix their home



situation and become legally married. God opened the doors; the mayor of this district is Adventist also and he actively supported the

Bible worker's efforts in this respect enabling the church there to celebrate with these three couples and one more who joined Christ Jesus in the waters of baptism.

Besides visits and marriage coordination, we held training for the church members in this district as well, teaching study practices, the importance of personal devotions, and visitation as well as "hands on" practice as the Director of the congregations and other members went visiting home by home to contact people and pray for them. One happy member stated that, "this is a new experience for me, I have never done this and never before have I felt so good. I'm learning to get close to people and pray with them and not only that, but also to share about what the Bible



says of Christ. I am grateful to God that we can have missionaries and a Pastor, even still we have much to learn." God is speaking and responding in this great challenge which is the extensive area of Peru Projects.

- Pastor Rosendo

UP COMING EVENTS

- January 2, 2014 Oscar Granada will be arriving from Colombia to begin his ministry with Peru Projects.
January 8 Leadership and evangelism training for our various church leaders and their families.

FINANCIAL NEEDS

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| \$ 12 each | Bibles for evangelism work |
| \$ 60 | Sponsor a wedding so that a couple can be baptized |
| \$ 60 | Sponsor a pastoral visit into the remote jungle |
| \$300 | Donate a medical emergency flight |
| \$350 | Sponsor Bible work in a district for a month |
| \$500 | Sponsor a District discipleship training |
| \$750 | Support the construction of a new chapel |
| Unknown | Help with the costs involved to import the tractor and shipping container |

PRAYER PARTNERS

There are so many needs that become evident as we get to know the people around us. There are financial problems in the home, marital difficulties, problems with children, job problems or lack of work, the list goes on. Sometimes we are only able to be a listening ear and perhaps a shoulder to cry on. Perhaps that is exactly what someone is needing, and our prayers... Like the church member in Rosendo's account that just realized what a blessing it can be to step out of our comfort zone and fill the needs of a neighbor or coworker, stopping to take the time to pray with someone can make all the difference both for them as well as us. Let's pray for our brothers and sisters for the courage to step out in faith with Christ Jesus and for *our* neighbors as we, by faith attempt to do the same.

Current Prayer Needs & Praises

- For the character of Christ to dwell in each one of us
- For Oscar Granada who will be joining us in January and the family that is working through details to be able to come and help the new health evangelism training program get off the ground.
- To be able to finalize all of our needed documentation and bring down the container.
- Runway restrictions and flight permits.
- Safety for the Bible workers and us locally as Christmas draws near and crime goes up.
- Special blessings for Rosario as from December 19-Jan 6 she will be traveling home to visit family in the Puno area over the holidays.

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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