



Message Ministries & Missions Inc.

Mission Update – March 3, 2011

"Sharing God's message of hope in action"

PERU FIELD REPORT: "DIOS ESCHUCA", GOD HEARS!



The February 10-20 mission trip to Peru with the DIRT Team was full of divine appointments. Not just for the team but for the many people that experienced God's grace and provision displayed through this mission team. DIRT, which stands for Disaster International Relief Team, came to serve! This team of five, which included three men and two women were such a blessing. They did two planned eyeglass clinic/outreaches and two smaller unplanned ones, five nights and a half day of Disaster Relief training, and the building of four prefab homes. We'd planned on building two but their home church, Calvary Chapel of St. Petersburg, received enough funding in a special offering to build four. We had to move quickly to order two more homes to be ready upon our return to Lima from Pisco. Thanks to our missionary, Hector Del Carpio the homes were ordered and ready.



I only have room in this newsletter to tell you one of the many stories that took place on the trip. When we arrived in Lima after our time in Pisco, we had to pick a couple of families to build the homes for. We prayed that God would lead the way through the local pastors we work with. **Pastor Fabian took us to meet a family that was in great need; a single mother with 10 children living in a shack that was about 160 square feet.** It was a rough-hewn shack with a dirt floor. He told us how the children had been coming to the church and feeding center in Pachacutec for quite a while. The mother, Vivianna, was not there when we arrived, as she was off working. She does laundry by hand to make a living for her family. But the children were there, all ten of them! **Wow, what a welcome we received, and that was before we told them we were going to build a home for them.** This was all a surprise to them! The team agreed that this was God's divine appointment and we proceeded to tell the family the good news about their new home. **I wish I could have captured every expression the children had on their faces at that moment of time. I knew without a doubt. God was smiling too!** This was His appointment for us and for them.

The team began by shoveling dirt around, creating a level spot for the home to be built on as we waited for the house to be delivered. It was amazing. The children were excited and wanted to help. I don't know what was running through their heads but I knew it was all good. **By the time Vivianna arrived home after a hard day at work, most of the home was constructed. I looked over to see her face and heard her say, "Dios escucha", which means "God hears."** Isn't that just like God to answer her prayer and make it a surprise? We came back a couple of days later to finish the project, which included some cement on the floors and tapping into the water supply that was on her property. We added a bathroom on the back of the home with a new toilet, sink and a cement floor, which is a big blessing when you're used to living in dirt. We couldn't finish all of the bathroom, or the cement floor, so we hired someone to finish the task.

In Pisco, the two homes we built were for families still living in makeshift homes since the earthquake in August 2007. One mother of three was still living in a tent and the other family was living in a home made of cardboard, wood, plastic etc. I wish we had room here to tell all the stories but we don't. **So in closing, let me say that lives were touched with the goodness of God and the power of His provision through people who care.**

Thank you for caring! If it wasn't for people like you we couldn't tell stories like these! Together by God's grace, we're making a difference in people's lives, and it's God who deserves the glory and credit for everything done. I'm just thankful, He allows us to be a part of His plan to reach people with His love.

Sharing God's message of hope,

