



Message Ministries & Missions Inc.

Ministry Updates – October 20, 2011

"Sharing God's message of hope in action"

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP by Guy Weatherly



Pastor Guy Weatherly

Brian Weller, Pastor Diogenes Hernandez, and I came home from Peru amazed at what God is doing and so grateful for your faithfulness to pray and support this ministry. It was one of the most productive overseas missions I have experienced. You can't make up the stuff we see God doing.



Pastor Diogenes Hernandez

From September 28 through October 1, we had great attendance at our Leadership Seminar in Peru, which was conducted by my good friend Pastor Diogenes Hernandez and myself. The topics covered were: Vision,

Leadership Principals, Marriage and Family, and the Holy Spirit.

Many of the Peruvian leaders and pastors who come to the Hearts on Fire Bible Training Center are poor themselves; yet somehow they are able to take care of their families and minister to their people. These are our heroes, and we are blessed and honored to work with them. Through their efforts churches are born. From these churches, nine feeding centers are now serving nutritious meals to the children in the slums around Lima.

In a rented house near the Bible Training Center, drug addicts are being set free at a men's ministry called Refugio Celestial, directed by Pastor Simon, who is a regular at the Bible School. Under his leadership there are 23 men and 23 miracles of deliverance in progress as you read this article.



In the area around the garbage dump there -- where so many try to survive -- there is a church, a feeding center for children, and soon a vocational training center. People will learn skills, earn income and provide more resources to help fight poverty, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER UPDATE by Brian Weller

God is awesome! Once again, I'm overflowing with gratefulness to God for the amazing provisions He sends through His people. I'm also extremely grateful for those who helped -- through your prayers and financial gifts -- toward the building of the Able Hands Vocational Training Center. Thank you!

We received more than twice the amount of help we needed to meet the matching grant opportunity, so construction on the Training Center is moving forward quickly now.

While I was in Peru, Marco Aroni and I met with Pastor Simon, who is also an electrician. We

also met with our friend Jose who has worked on many of our construction projects in Peru. They were both excited to start completing the work on the Vocational Training Center. You can see from the photos, much has been completed! Within just a couple of weeks, we can start buying the equipment and tools we need for the first vocational training module (carpentry).

Thank you for helping to make this Training Center a reality! Also special thanks to Marco, who is now working with us in Peru. He's organized all this hard work, and he makes sure it gets done. He's a true blessing.

Please continue to pray with us as we move forward with this project.



Second floor, now with stucco on the walls.



First Floor being finished for the VTC.





With us in this picture is Adela and Rosa in Pachacutec.

During this mission, we saw Spirit-led, compassionate people serving God with virtually no resources. A 72-year "young" woman has planted a church where

she ministers and serves meals to 70 children. The church is tiny, and the dirt floor area where she cooks is not as big as some of our walk-in closets.

Perhaps the most promising sign for the future is the new leadership team. They are committed, resourceful people who have stepped up to take over and expand the ministry since Pastor Hector's departure. With this kind of shared assistance and leadership, the future is bright. We expect God to do great things. We are not "sugar daddies" for people to depend on; we are more like "jumper cables" who help people start their engines and take off in God's vision with God's power for ministry. You can't make this stuff up.



Our Peruvian Leadership team includes Pastor Jose Amaya, Pastor Fabian Santillian, Pastor Gilberto Varillas and Marco Aroni

The Personality of a Mission

by Guy Weatherly

Each mission trip has its own personality, often characterized by the unplanned things that happen, like confronting urgent needs that require resources and money we don't have. Those times break our hearts, but they also challenge us to trust God for a miracle.

One night recently in Peru, we were overwhelmed with the desire to help with a need that we had no money left to cover. We were all talking, doing the math, and praying. Brian was on the roof of the Bible School crying out to God. At the same time, over a thousand miles away, Pastor Marlin Simon felt led of the Spirit to e-mail and inform us that his church had just sent a donation that would more than meet a need we were praying about. He had no idea what was happening, but God used him to meet the need and answer the prayers!

Another night, a pastor who came for our seminar was struggling. He'd had a long-term battle with pain. When the meeting was over, this pastor walked out healed. He was rejoicing with us for the remainder of the time we were there!

Then there was the time we locked the key in the car. We thought we had just wasted two hours out of "our plan." But God had something else in mind. During that "wasted" time we had a significant, unplanned meeting with a ministry leader, and later we shared the Gospel with a woman who gave her life to the Lord. We introduced her to a pastor who is now following up on her and her family.

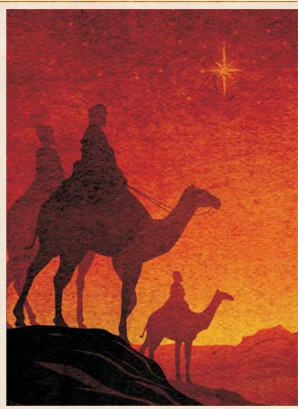
The personality of a mission should never look like us. It should look like Jesus. And He is full of surprises!

THE PERU CHRISTMAS BLESSING PROJECT

Would you help us share the love of Jesus this Christmas with needy children living in some very poor areas? It's a really wonderful ministry to families in Peru, and we've sponsored this for several years now. Let me tell you more.

This year we're trying to raise \$3,000 to buy Christmas gifts (\$2.00 each) for 1,500 children within reach of the fifteen churches/ministries we work with in the poorest regions of Peru. Funds for the Peru Christmas Blessing Project go directly to these churches. While this eliminates shipping expenses to Peru, it also means the Peruvian congregations who live and work with these kids on a daily basis get to purchase the gifts and give them away personally. They'll be reaching out with the love of Jesus Christ to the people in their own communities, if we help.

Please consider partnering with us for the Peru Christmas Blessing Project. It's an awesome opportunity to minister to the poor children of Peru. Again, our goal is to give gifts to 1,500 children. Every \$30 will allow us to bless 15 children. Every \$100 will bless 50 children. If you would like to help, please respond by mail, visit christmasblessingproject.com or click the "Christmas Blessing Project" link on our website. Thank you for helping us bless these special children!



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