

Weller Newsletter

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*“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”
Col. 3:2-3*

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Mission Update from Brian Weller



As we approach the summer, we are preparing for three mission trips, two to Peru and one to Colombia. We ask for your prayers during this time. Anne, Katie and JJ will be accompanying me on the two week trip to Lima (June 4-19).

In February, I was able to visit some of the churches we are in relationships with in Lima. With a wonderful team of five people we ministered in 8 churches in the 7 days we were there. So many “divine appointments”, including a three hour baptis-

mal service, an open air street meeting and the highlight of revisiting the new church/feeding center in Pachacutec.



You may remember that last July we built this 25' by 45' building with Spirit and Truth Church. What a blessing, to see what started as a prayer and a dream now built and in operation. Many thanks to all of you who had a part in the Pachacutec Project including the Upper Keys Rotary Club. Standing in that



building and watching the children, about 80 in all, being fed amidst the poverty of this sandy slum filled me with immense joy. The children are now being fed four times a week and there are worship services there three times a week as well.

We are so thankful to all of you churches and individuals that support us every month with your prayers and donations. You are such an encouragement to us and help enable us to do all that God leads us to do!

UPCOMING - MISSION TRIPS

JUNE 4-19 - MISSION PERU



Missionary Ventures bring the love of Jesus to children & adults.

On June 4 -19 Anne, Katie, JJ and I will take our Cross Street Mission Team to Lima for two weeks of ministry in schools, churches, on the streets and in feeding centers. We will also be putting on two free youth conferences in the churches of the local pastors that we work with in

Lima. There is a great need for discipleship there. Please pray for this team. This is the youngest team we have taken in years. Most of the youth have never been on a mission trip before. We are excited about this and all that God will do in them and through them as we GO.

We will mainly be working in the Ancon, Pachacutec and Costa Azul areas of Lima. This team consists of 12 people including this years version of the Cross Street Band and Drama Company which includes JJ on keyboards and Katie on the bass.



Missionary Ventures Feeding Centers change the lives of children

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JULY 5-10—MISSION COLOMBIA



Woman washing Clothes in a bucket in Costa Azul

This will be my third trip to Colombia. I believe one day in the coming years Colombia will follow the path other Latin countries have taken. The internal terrorism will be put down and many will GO there with the gospel. Right now very few go to Colombia but the need is great. Our team

consists of three people. We will be working with a group of 40 pastors to put on a youth conference at a farm. The students will spend three days there. We will teach and disciple youth and college students as well as train youth leaders. The last night of the trip will be a city

wide outreach in the town center. If you are interested in joining this team please contact me by June 1. Please pray for Bill & Jeanette Castro and their son Jeremy. They are our Missionary Ventures Field Co-coordinators (missionaries) there.



If you own a home and a car you are one of the 5% richest people in the world!

25 Year Wedding Anniversary



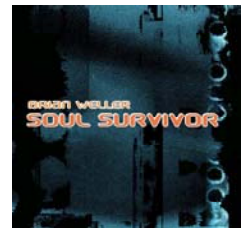
On May 3rd, Anne and I celebrated our 25 year wedding anniversary. I am so grateful to God for a woman like Anne, who has always put God first even at the expense of her own personal comfort. We have had so many won-

derful years together and God has given us three wonderful children as well. I would marry Anne all over again and am so thankful for the thousands of irreplaceable memories and experiences we have shared loving each other and serving God together.

Soul Survivor CD and Concert

I've enjoyed getting back out doing some concerts around the USA with music from my new Soul Survivor CD. I've spent hours putting together video to go with the songs in order to visually add to the impact of the messages of the songs. If you are interested in hosting a Soul Survivor Con-

cert in your church or group please contact our office or e-mail us at messageministry@aol.com. You can order the CD online at messagerecords.com, or by e-mailing or calling our office at 727-527-0595. If you cannot give anything for a CD we will send you one for free.



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You can access it using the following website names:

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missiontraining.org
heartofpassion.org
messagerecords.com
corazonesenfuego.com

On the site you will find for free: Brian's video devotionals and teaching, mission training materials, mission video updates, pdf files and Brian's music downloads as well as lots of great links. Also, consider signing up for our e-mail updates and prayer requests list.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART: Would God Say Yes?

Recently, I was listening to an old Keith Green song entitled "Open Your Eyes". As I listened, I thought about the 60 million dollar church building in Florida I had recently read about and viewed online. As I thought about the extravagance of this building my heart sank within me. I couldn't help but think about all the needs on the harvest fields of the world Jesus told us to GO to. I thought about the multitudes dying without the gospel, those dying from disease and starvation and those without homes to live in. I thought to myself "how can we close our eyes and believe God would ordain building something like this?"

Someone from that church told me their leaders said the Lord told them to build it. I asked the person "Do you really think God would ordain such a project in light of the Great Commission and all the needs around the world today?" "Would God say no to the lost and poor to invest money in extravagant "church" facilities here in the USA?"

Let me clarify, I'm not saying to build in moderation is wrong. But we must keep in mind, God told us to GO, not to build and stay! Not to "hunker down" as we say in Florida during hurricane season. Extravagant buildings don't glorify God and quite honestly are an em-

barrassment to the "church" in the eyes of many unbelievers & believers, all around the world.

Brothers and sisters I can tell you God would not ordain such a project and we are blind if we think He would. We are, as another Keith Green song states "Asleep in the Light".

Let me leave you with a few lines from that song. "Do you see, do you see all the people sinking down. Don't you care? Don't you care? Are you going to let them drown?"

Below are some recent statistics of our world situation. These are what God is calling us to invest our time and resources in.

WORLDWIDE MISSION STATISTICS

- Church and church agency income is \$270 billion a year
- Amount of that money given to foreign missions is \$15 billion a year
- Foreign missions giving per church member is 15 cents a week
- 500 million people are on the verge of starvation
- 22 million starvation-related deaths per year
- 100 million people supported by garbage collection and recycling
- 500 million orphans and 70 million abandoned children and infants
- 50,000 people die every day in the 10/40 window that have never heard about Jesus
- 200 million persecuted Christians. 161,000 martyrs every year.
- \$2.5 trillion of disposable income in the bank accounts of Christians around the world

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AUGUST 13-20—MISSION PERU #2

This team is from Calvary Chapel in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Calvary has had a big heart for missions since its' inception and has sent out and supported missionaries, including us, for years. This will be their first church wide team trip.

I am excited about the trip because I've been traveling to Pennsylvania and ministering there once or twice a year for

the last five years. I feel a part of this church and they have supported us in so many ways.

Our goal together on this trip is:

- 1) To construct a church/feeding center in Costa Azul. This is a desperately poor area. (read story on next page)
- 2) To minister to children and youth on the streets in schools and the churches.

3) To minister to the women and men in the churches.

We will help establish this new local church as we minister in the neighborhoods while the church is being built.. Please pray for Pastor Clark Laufer and the Calvary team and me and our Peruvian missionary friend Hector Del Carpio.



ANSWERS TO PRAYER

ANCON RELIEF PROJECT **God is so good!!**

Pastor Everth is blind and has a prosthetic leg. He has started 8 churches and pastors three of them at the present time. One of them is in Ancon.

On our February trip to Lima the Lord put three relief projects on my heart to complete. The first project was to finish the walls and put a roof and floor on and in the church at Ancon. This church is Pastor Everth and Marabelles' home base church. They feed 100 children there,

three times a week. Recently, I shared the story and the video interview of Pastor Everth with Pastor Guy and Lynda Weatherly of Land O'Lakes United Methodist Church.

About a week later I received a phone call from Pastor Guy. He had shared Pastor Everth's story in their Sunday morning service while preaching about hope. After the service he received donations from people touched by God's heart and called

to let me know they had \$2,909 to finish the project, which is more than enough. The extra money will help pay what is owed on the property.

The walls and roof in Ancon are going up as you read this and soon the floors will be completed.

God is so faithful to fulfill His plan. **I thank God every day for people, pastors & churches like you who respond to the call of God to reach the world with His mercy!**

Pictures from church /feeding center in Ancon.

This is the part of the building that is finished except for the floor.

We will now add the walls and floor in the back part of the building and the floor in the whole building.



Costa Azul Relief Project!!

Costa Azul is in the north-west sector of Lima. It is very poor, very hilly and surrounded with mountains of sand. A very narrow unpaved road goes through it and as you drive through it you can almost reach out and touch the little houses. Most of the people live in little hut houses much like



Pachacutec. They get their water from 50 gallon containers and the houses we went in all had dirt floors and old shabby furniture.

We did an outreach there with Pastor Everth and I walked above the place where we were ministering. When I did, I looked down and the Lord clearly



spoke to my heart and said "This is the place". I knew then we were to build a church/feeding center there. I didn't know how it would happen, but began to pray for God's will to be done.

The church in Costa Azul which Pastor Everth started is presently meeting in a little shack. The man he is train-



ing to pastor that church also lives there with his family of four.

A few days after our team left Peru, Hector was able to find two parcels of land that were available and we were able to purchase them for \$120. Our Cross Street Youth donated \$100 and the church paid the \$20. I then shared the need with Pastor Clark &

Cindy Lauffer and the Calvary Chapel Greensburg church. They got excited about the opportunity and are responding by putting together a team from their church to minister and build this church/feeding center.



The cost of this building project will be about \$3,000. A little goes a long way in a third world country. Isn't it amazing how God puts things together through the prayers of His people and the grace He so richly extends to us and through us.

If you would like to get involved give us a call!

