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## DIRECTORS CORNER

I hated roller coasters as a child – still do. The suspense is almost too much, suspense mingled with fear. Fortunately my fear of roller coasters is very easily remedied, I simply avoid them. No problem! At least the mechanical kind. But what do we do when the roller coaster ride is at the systemic level of society? We are seeing crisis in all areas of life: devastating illnesses, horrendous crime, natural disasters in all parts of the world, and, of course, the global financial crisis. Peru's President Alan Garcia recently announced that the financial crisis was a "rich country" crisis and assured Peruvians that it wouldn't affect Peru because they had wisely stock-piled enough money and reduced it's debt to be able to weather the storm – no worries, he said. A few days later came the head line that the Peruvian stock exchange had been "temporarily" closed after a recent 20% decline. What is one to do? How do we plan? Do we move forward? Do we cut back? Isaiah 30:21 tells us "Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "this is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left." We have a loving, compassionate God who won't let us to our own devises, stumbling in the dark. He knows the beginning from the end and He STILL controls the cattle on a thousand hills. Won't you join us in prayer, join all missionaries worldwide in prayer, all Christians in prayer, that during these very turbulent times, when one doesn't know if one should turn to the right hand or turn to the left hand, that we will be in tune with our Lord and Savior as He guides us in the path of His will, and that we will have the courage to step out in faith according to His leading. Only in His will lies the security we seek.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

**NEW WEBPAGE** We are excited to share our new look with you! You can now find us at – [www.peruprojects.com](http://www.peruprojects.com). We are still under construction so please check back for weekly for updated and new components, as well as new stories, testimonies and pictures.

**INTRODUCTIONS** It is a great pleasure to introduce you to our new student missionaries: Linda, Kristin and Kevin. Linda and Kristin are student nurses helping with medical attention and health education on the Auxiliadora Peruana III, our evangelistic-medical launch. Kevin is a mass communications/advertising major helping us with our communication needs – webpage, bulletins, a new promotional DVD. Be looking for exciting changes in our communications! May the Lord richly bless them as they adjust to the heat, humidity and multitudes of insects – all while presenting Jesus to the people they meet along the way! Please keep them in our prayers.

Note: for first hand accounts of life on the frontlines for God you can access their blogs on our new website.

## REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS** Since arriving we have had hundreds of questions, but seeing and hearing everything has made us realize this journey will be an experience of a lifetime.



Edie (local director) and the launch crew have been so wonderful, especially helping with our Spanish. Washing cloths by hand, swimming in the chocolate colored water and playing futbol (soccer) with the local kids are all part of our lives on the launch. Neither of us remembers laughing so much, and we know we have fallen in love with Peru.

The people have so little but are always warm and friendly. Experiencing the simple ways of Peruvian life has made us realize the many things we take for granted in the United States. Our Father has richly blessed us, and we pray He will make us more thankful and more willing to serve just like Jesus. We see Him working through the crew and often watch as Nurse Henry shares God's word with the patients. Sharing our love for Christ also helps to change lives. Our Lord is full of love and is constantly by our side. He has placed us here for a reason—to serve others.

-excerpts from Linda's and Kristin's first impressions, shown in picture to left with Bible worker Ivan (front), Pr. Marin, his wife Graciela next to Kristin, Linda and Nurse Technician Melita in the third row.

I've been in Peru for a month now and I have seen poverty and suffering in this short time. My prayers go up to our Heavenly Father for the people here who have so little but seem happy and content. It teaches me to be much more thankful for what the Lord has given me, as well as giving me a lesson in happiness. Despite battling fierce mosquitoes and the communication barrier (Spanish/English), the Lord has greatly blessed me in Peru. I have seen Him working in my life and those around me. It is my prayer that I can become more like Jesus and share Him daily. This simple life allows me time to strengthen my faith and give Him everything. I want to be His beacon of love and follow His example of service.



-Kevin's first impressions, shown in picture to right with new friends Carlos (left of Kevin), Gerzon and Aner after playing a hardy round of futbol (soccer) at a church outing.

## FROM THE DARKNESS TO THE LIGHT - OSCAR'S CONVERSION STORY

Oscar Murayari is a tall man, dark, about 42 years old. He is also homosexual and has been heavily involved in this lifestyle since he was 14 years old. His life is full of dark vices and shameful acts. When we visited he told me that he has done such terrible things that I couldn't even imagine - and to be honest, I was afraid to ask - I wasn't sure I wanted to know. Oscar attended every one of the seven nights of public evangelistic meetings in Juancito, but it took something a little more to really touch Oscar's heart. After the last meeting he asked me to visit him the next morning. I arrived at the appointed hour and during our conversation Oscar began telling me how he was weary of his life and that he wanted to change - that he wanted a different life, one with Jesus! I praised the Lord and congratulated Oscar! After we studied about the forgiveness of sins Oscar turned his life over to Jesus! AMEN! His first act in his new life was to immediately cut his hair in a "man's" style, a very symbolic act for him. So - what was that extra piece? He saw Jesus love and acceptance when I wasn't ashamed to visit him in his home. Could something so simple really make such

a difference? What about your neighbors, co-workers or relatives? Can they see Jesus in your small acts of love and acceptance?

## COMING UP

**CESSNA ENGINE OVERHAUL:** The Cessna 182 has run out of hours and needs an overhaul before it can continue to be used in the Lord's ministry. How will the Lord provide? Look for the testimony of the Lord's providence in our newsletter next month.

**NEW MISSIONARIES?!** New long-term missionaries? In these economic times? Could it be? Stay tuned for the facts next month!

**PRAYER PARTNERS** What a privilege it is to be able to take all of our concerns and needs to the Lord in prayer and to know that He will indeed answer each and every one! Won't you commit to partner with us in prayer – to hold us up everyday before the Lord?

Prayer needs:

- For the character of Christ to dwell in each one of us,
- Safety for our Bible workers and launch crew as they travel the interior of the Amazon jungle basin sharing the Good News of Christ's soon return,
- Nothing short of the Lord's leading while developing the 2009 work plan and budget for Bible worker, launch and air programs.

**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?

New Contact Info!

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