



The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40 NIV

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2009 Peru Mission Report Puerto Alegria by Kyle Gordon

This year the 2009 Peru Mission team had 34 individuals who participated. 7 of those individuals were from Augusta Road United Methodist and 4 were from Disciples United Methodist. Because of the size of the team we split up once in Peru with 26 going to Puerto Alegria and 8 going to Kimo.

Summary from Puerto Alegria:

Puerto Alegria had 43 boys on site this year. About 10+ were there when we last went in 2006.

Sunday:

We traveled into Iquitos with the boys to attend Sunday school. We followed that with lunch (for 69 people) at El Pollon.

Monday:

Work day where we did a lot of sanding of the new building frame, then staining of the same framework (3 coats), and we began installing bead board on the exterior of the framing. We also held VBS in the morning for the younger boys and in the afternoon for the older boys.

Tuesday:

Traveled into Iquitos, went to a small market and then met the boys at Quitococha (local zoo and beach area). We spent the afternoon with the boys at the beach.

Wednesday:

Another work day where we hauled sand and concrete to the work site, dug holes under the building for additional support footings, mixed previously mentioned concrete and sand, continued adding

coats of "stain" to the interior framing, and continued installing bead boarding around the exterior of the structure. We continued with a second day of VBS.

Thursday:

Traveled up the Amazon River and onto another tributary called the Hanay River. There we visited a local Indian settlement (Yuahua) and shared and dance and some blow gun practice before being bombarded with their crafts for sale.

Friday:

Continued work on the footings, finished up the staining of the framework/rails and progressed on the installation of the bead board (over 320 slats total). Held a final session of VBS as well.

Saturday:

We stumbled into the boat at 4:30am to head into Iquitos for our 7:10am flight to Lima. Everything went off without a hitch. Met the Kimo group at SU's deaf center in Lima, proceeded to tour the monastery and catacombs, had lunch at a different restaurant (El Colonial), hit the indian market for some shopping, stopped of for some gelato and/or coffee before making our way to the airport for our flight home.

Accounting:

Began the year with \$3,799 in the Peru account. We expect to have about \$4,000 left after reimbursements are made.

Part of the expenses sent to SU included our airfare to Iquitos (\$300/person). Since our tickets were not \$300, we let SU retain the difference as a donation to their programs in Peru (~\$3,600).



Useless Information to
Brighten your day:

A Zebra's stripes are like a fingerprint. No two are alike.

The Hippo is the most dangerous animal in the world.

A real Christian is not recognized by their clothes or jewelry, but by their actions.

2009 Peru Mission Report Kimo by Steve Hendrix

Summary from Kimo:

This year a small group of Peru mission veterans went to Kimo. The decision to split was made late in the year and was based off several factors including difficulties of having 34 people trying to get to, live at and work on Puerto Alegria at the same time. But the biggest factor was an update from Paul and Marty Clark that indicated a need in Kimo and the fact only one team was going there.

While no boys are currently living at this camp, it is important to get it finished so they can house boys who are very much in need of the love of Scripture Union of Peru.

This team was blessed in different ways than that of the Puerto Alegria team. Each team member has previously had contact with boys at either the Puerto Alegria or Kawai sites. Having been blessed to interact with those boys before, we felt blessed to be a part of the beginning of the Kimo orphanage. To know that through the work of last year's team and this small group that went this year, we played a part in getting this camp ready to house boys.

We know that we not only will have played a part in touching the lives of all the boys that will live there but also all the future teams that will come to visit those boys, much like the teams that go to visit Puerto Alegria are touched by those boys.

This site is also one of the most beautiful places on earth. Don't believe me, then take a look at our photos on Facebook. It is a joy just to wake up there every morning.

The last item that is personal to me (Steve Hendrix writing the Kimo section) is that I have now had a chance to interact with Roy Rogers since he was a street boy at Puerto Alegria in 2003. He is currently serving with the Combat Engineers of Peru's military. There is also a chance he will get to go to Officer Candidate School. What meant the most to me this year is that he had a camera phone and wanted a picture of me on his phone. God Bless them all.

Calendar of Events

Item	Team	Date
Peru Gathering Mauldin UMC Pot Luck Dinner	Peru	August 11, 6:30 PM
Peru Presentation Mauldin UMC Wednesday Night Supper	Peru	August 19, 5:30 PM Presentation at 6:30
FDM Pre-School Fundraising	Tanzania	Wednesday Night Dinners in October

Mission Leaders Step Forward

As we finish up this year's foreign mission season, many of us have to start looking forward to next year's plans. While we do not have confirmed dates or location yet, we must already start the process of preparing the 2010 Peru Mission trip. This means that leaders for this mission trip are needed now. If you would like to be considered as a team, site, fundraising, devotional or medical leader for this trip, please contact Steve Hendrix or Kyle Gordon.

In addition, if we are going to Tanzania again in 2011 or 2012, we need persons willing to be a team leader to step forward now so that the process of working through church committees can be started.

We hope to have a US based mission trip next year that will also need leaders.

If interested in any of the non-Peru mission please contact Steve Hendrix

I Dig Peru Newsletter needs your stories about mission experiences. We have made this request numerous times but with only two responses. Hopefully we will get a better response this time. These stories are vital to keeping this newsletter alive. In addition it is a vital part of your mission to share your experiences with those who support us and who may be thinking about joining one of our mission teams.

Both Mission Trips are now on Facebook. The Peru trip is the group called I Dig Peru. The Tanzania trip is the group called Tanzania Mission Trip.

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