



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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Why You Should Not Go

The following is from an article by David Armstrong that appeared on www.shorttermmissions.com titled *7 reasons Why You Should Never Go on a Short Term Mission Trip*.

1. **It will distort your perception of the world!** Seeing it through the plastic lenses of our society is sufficient. They may be distorted, but you are used to them! Don't needlessly mess yourself up.
2. **You could get sick or robbed!** It's dangerous out there! Some places have a crime rate almost as high as our inner cities.
3. **It will make you harder to live with!** The way you view life and even your likes and dislikes are liable to change. Your friends and family probably won't understand or appreciate your sudden changes.
4. Afterwards **you will feel awkward** at some of the jokes and comments you currently enjoy. They will not seem as funny when you have seen life from the other side.
5. **You will experience sadness** you haven't felt before. After you see real suffering, you won't pay much attention to your complaining about how hard you've got it. You are even liable to feel guilty and uncomfortable about the nice things in your house and the food on your table. Stay home and stay comfortable!
6. **You might lead someone to the Lord.** I know that is a laudable goal,

but it tends to cause excitement and further interest in Christian Service.

7. **You could feel a pull toward going overseas again**—for the adventure, of course. The problem is that you could slowly, subtly get sucked into thinking about being a missionary!

It is almost funny how our teams have experienced everyone of these seven reasons and yet we still go every year.

Those who have gone have changed their view of the world because there is no way to see and smell Belen or play with a Street Boy and not realize just how good we have it.

Several team member spouses have told me over the years about the changes our trip made in their team member—so much so that some of those spouses went as well.

No one can hear the stories of the Street Boys or watch as their mom leaves them and not feel saddened. However we still manage to complain about our cold water and carrying bags of sand. But even as we complain we realize how luck we have it.

On one of our trips, Dena Williams had the chance to have a heart felt conversation with someone who did not speak her language but who indicated a real desire to know Jesus Christ.

Many of us want to stay in Peru full time or Tanzania or anywhere we



Useless Information to Brighten your day:

Approximately 1 in 8 people do not have access to safe water.

A US citizen taking a 5 minute shower uses more water than a typical person living in a third world slum uses all day.

84% of water related deaths are in children 0-14 years in age

Calendar of Events

Item	Team	Date
Selling Christmas Honor Cards	Peru	December 6 and 13
Leaves and Mulch Yard Work	Peru	Ongoing
Christmas Party (Pot Luck)	Both Teams	December 15
Team Meeting	Peru	January 12
Tanzania Mission Trip	Steve Hendrix	January 12-28
Team Meeting	Peru	February 9
Team Meeting	Peru	March 9
Month Long Marathon	Church Missions	February 21- March 21
MUMC Spring Fling (Praise)	Peru	March 21
Team Meeting	Peru	April 13
Team Meeting	Peru	May 11
Team Meeting	Peru	June 8
Team Meeting/Packing Party	Peru	July 13
Peru 2010	Peru	July 16-25, 2010

Why You Should Not Go (cont)

could help. Jean and Stephen are raising their funds to do just that. To go overseas and live their lives as missionaries.

Yes we have experienced sickness and even theft. But it has not dulled our desire to go back every year.

As we prepare for Christmas and times with our families, we will experience many things. We may even become frustrated a time or two, or possibly even angry.

Please take a moment every day to remember the things you have seen on our mission trips or heard during our presentations. No matter how bad anything seems at the moment, it could be worse.

So take that moment and be thankful for your family, your friends, and your hot water. Remember the church that supports us in going on these mission trips (all of them). Remember those individuals who always give of their money or their time to help us raise the funds we need.

This Christmas season, let us all remember the reason for the season-God sent his only Son to live among us. To endure hardship, temptation and still set an example for us. To take on our sins and accept the punishment for us.

May God Bless you and your family.

Billy Clark Update

We recently got an update from Billy and will put it up on the website. Billy has been back to the US for medical procedures preparing him for neck surgery in February. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he goes through this surgery.

Steve Hendrix Tanzania Mission

Steve Hendrix has been asked to go back to Tanzania January 12-28, 2010. This trip will be to do some engineering planning for the site. He is in need of a hiking style handheld GPS to use for mapping out the site. You can contact him at 979-9617.

Peru 2010 Update

We had a good kick off meeting in November with 25 application packages being taken. Many more have come forward since and asked for packages and currently the online application package has been downloaded several times.

The deadline is January 5, 2010, but if you want to go to a specific camp it will be on a first come first serve basis so you need to get your package in as soon as possible.

The Mission Christmas Party will be December 15th at 6:30 PM and will be a Pot Luck Dinner. We hope to see everyone there, don't forget you can invite your family to this.

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