



*'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 Do We Need Foreign Missions?*

There is a question I have been asked a lot since we started the Peru mission trips. "Why do we need to go on foreign mission trips when there is such a great need in our country or community?" Due to a last minute change of plans I had an empty front article this month and thought I would give my thoughts on the answer in case any of you are faced with the same question.

First, we as Christians consider the world as part of our community. We are brothers and sisters in Christ with people from all nations. While there is some confusion about the Great Commission saying "Go" or "As you go." There never seems to be any confusion over the part about "make disciples of all nations."

Second, I don't believe any of us would suggest foreign missions instead of local missions but instead see the two working together. A complete mission field includes our community, our state, our country and our world. Each part offers something to certain individuals. For those who don't feel comfortable with overseas travel there is the local or national mission possibilities. For those who can't break away from their office or their lives here without leaving the country, there are foreign mission trips. They work together to offer opportunities for everyone to participate. More importantly, the foreign mission teams offer a longer commitment due to fundraising and team building exercises to prepare for the trip. As we read last month, these activities can have a huge impact on participants that would not have been available on a local mission trip to the same extent.

Third, while there are people in our own communities and country who need help there are more possibilities for help available to them. Yes, there are still needs to help locally and always more can be done. But in many foreign countries, the resources or opportunities to get help do not exist at all until we make them. In Tanzania during the drought and resulting famine, the country did not have resources to help. They relied on foreign Christian aid to keep their people from dying.

Fourth, we have poverty here in the US, but until you see the level of poverty found in Belen or meet a street child tossed out in the trash, you will never fully understand how good we have it. Sometimes we need foreign mission work to understand how blessed we really are.

In conclusion, foreign mission work is a vital **part** of the mission work of a church. It is just a part though. Unless we show love for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, we do not know God fully. I wish I could do justice for how important each part of our mission field is, but hopefully these thoughts will help you provide your own answer when asked.

## *Congratulations*

Katie McInerney (2007 mission) made the Lady Tigers Basketball team as a walk on. The Lady Tigers will be playing Furman on December 5 at 7 PM at Furman. She recently scored 8 points in the Orange-White scrimmage game.



### Useless Information to Brighten your day:

- Each year we tape between 4 and 5 hours of video from the trip.
- The average length of our presentation video is 16 minutes and 45 seconds.
- Time spent editing every year is between 20 and 30 hours.

## Calendar of Events

Peru Party Hendrix House	November 2 6-9 PM
Christmas Card On Sale	November 4 All Services
Billy Clarke talk	November 4 10 AM
Peru 2008 Meeting	November 4 4 PM
Greenville Churches Drop In for Billy Clark	November 8 6:30-8 PM
Christmas Card On Sale	November 11 All Services
Church Work Day Asbury Hills Camp	November 17

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## Christmas Card Fundraiser

Our Christmas Card Fundraiser to purchase school and health kits had a fantastic start October 28 bringing in \$255. Volunteers to help with sales at 11 AM Traditional and LIVE services are needed for November 4 and 11. Please contact Steve Hendrix if you can help at 277-0222 ext 2#.

The cards are an honor card that have a description of what we are trying to raise funds for. After pricing the items for both kits we found buying in bulk will not only give us a standardized gift for each child but will make much better use of funds than having people purchase items for kits. The school kits have a spiral notebook, pencils, sharpener, eraser, box of 24 crayons, English-Spanish coloring book and a beanie baby. The cost for each school kit in bulk is \$1.25. The health kits have a washrag, hand towel, bar of soap, toothbrush, and toothpaste. The cost of the health kits are \$2.50 when buying items in bulk. We will include a small card with a message from the church and recognizing Scripture Union of Peru that we will have translated prior to printing.

Cost for an individual card is \$5, a pack of 10 is \$30 and a pack of 20 is \$40. We can also do special runs for businesses with their logo or company message included.

We hope to make at least 200 of each kit that we will take with us in 2008 and hand out during VBS or school visits.

## The Clark's Visit

We are all very excited that Billy, Yashmin, Grace, Faith and Hope Clark will be visiting with us November 1-12. Stephen has worked to get Billy several speaking engagements, both at our church and at others in our community.

The Frankes have been so gracious to provide them with housing while they visit with us.

Barbara McInerney has arranged for the girls to have a daily morning activity.

Bill and Pat Hendrix are hosting a welcome party at their house on Friday, November 2 and all Peru

team members and their families have been invited.

We will also be attempting something very different on Thursday night at our church. We have invited youth and mission coordinators from over 150 churches in the Greenville area to a drop in to meet Billy. Help is needed for this event. Between 6 and 8 people to help serve food, sign people in and to help Billy and Yashmin get the Scripture Union of Peru message out. If you would like to help please contact Steve Hendrix.

Wear a Peru shirt to church on November 4th when Billy speaks to the combined Sunday School classes.



Billy, Yashmin, Faith, Hope and Grace Clark