



'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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Peru 2007 Recap by Steven Hendrix

What can be said of Peru 2007 that has not been said of the three previous Mauldin UMC Peru Mission Trips? Yes it was a different with different projects, but like the other trips everyone worked well together and got the job done. We played with the boys for hours and had a great time. Some folks, who had made all the trips until this year, were missed but every year we miss those who were with us before.

Our flight down was a pleasant one that including flying over lightning storms which were beautiful. We had no trouble passing through customs and meeting up with Charo our liaison for this trip. We arrived late Saturday night and they only had the keys for cabanas on one side of the camp. So early the next morning the men had to move to the cabanas on the other side once the person with keys arrived.

Our first Sunday service went very well with our group singing three songs, Stephen Dunlap leading us with an opening prayer, and my own attempt at the sermon. From there we had lunch with the boys who were introduced to us. I picked up on some of them I knew from before and the fact that the boys who were here this time were younger than during our 2005 trip. There were a lot of brothers also. They had 30 this time with only Raul and Rosalita taking care of them. But the boys were happy, well fed, well taken care of, and loved.

Our work this trip included digging a 5'x5'x5' hole in the ground for the second part of a septic tank system, which later in the week we poured concrete for three walls and the floor. Some of our team worked on rebar for the structure as well. In addition we mixed concrete and poured into columns where we had to hoist the 5 gallon buckets of concrete up

ladders to Moises who walked the brick wall pouring the concrete into the column forms. We also cleaned up the site, moved bricks and dirt around quite often.

Our VBS group had a wonderful program that was a great success with the boys every afternoon. Unfortunately because of the teacher strikes for several weeks before our arrival, most schools were far enough behind they could not have us visit them as we did in 2005. In the end this worked out better as our team did visit the school the boys go to and they were so proud to show us off and introduce us to their friends.

Because of some scheduling problems around the Independence Day celebrations, we moved our day off to Friday. We went to the Sunflower Center before going on a tour of the Lima. Once again we ate at Padro's with the fantastic rotisserie chicken. Because Saturday was their Independence Day holiday, we had another day off and spent it riding boats through one of the fishing areas and upscale summer homes. Later that day we had the VBS Olympics with the boys which they really loved.

One bright note was that a large church youth group came to the site for the weekend, which meant we had to move from the normal cold shower cabanas to the higher end rentals with some hot water.

Sunday was here again and we were at the church service singing once again. I was given the opportunity to deliver the sermon again, but with Billy interpreting for me this time. I took this opportunity to add a couple of neat sound effects to see I could startle him any. The boys seemed to enjoy the sound effects.



Useless Information to Brighten your day

The septic tank dig in 2007 required excavating 125 cubic feet of soil weighing 9,750 lbs (Earth, wet, moderately packed weighs 78 lbs per cubic foot). This does not include cave in material.

We really do dig Peru!

Calendar of Events

Peru Team Presentation	September 5
Rev. William Makali Sermon at MUMC	September 23
Billy Clarke visit	November 3-12
Peru Party	Week of Nov 4
Peru 2008	July 25-August 3

Please consider signing up for the newsletter via email at www.idigperu.hendrix-engineers.com Due to the CAN-SPAM Act we must receive a request from you.

At the August meeting of the Outreach committee, we proposed having a sub-committee formed to help make decisions about location and team leader when more than one choice presents itself. In addition the team leader has an option of bringing a team decision to the sub-committee for additional opinions. The committee is not there to override the decisions of the team leader.

The dates are set for July 25-August 3 to the Kimo site. We are currently looking for a 2008 team leader. If you are interested please contact, Steve Hendrix or Stephen Dunlap prior to September 10th, the first

New Peru Mission Sub-Committee Formed

The committee contains two outreach members who have been on a Peru trip, two members who have not been on a Peru trip and all the past team leaders have the option of being members. The current team leader will chair the committee and the Outreach chair will always have a place on the committee.

This sub-committee was requested by all three team leaders to date.

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sub-committee meeting. At that date we will be evaluating any who want to be team leaders. The location this year was requested by Scripture Union.

Peru Earthquake Updates

We have heard from several of our friends in Peru about the recent Earthquake near Pisco. The worst hit cities seem to be Pisco and Ica. From the United Nations website report, 514 died and 1,090 injured, 39,741 homes destroyed and 52 hospitals destroyed with many more damaged.

Our friends from Scripture Union have reported that no one in the Scripture Union family was killed, but many were without homes. In addition, Ica is a desert so water is always scarce. But with electricity also out, the well pumps will not be delivering any water. The only water pipelines were destroyed just as the road and bridge into Ica were destroyed. Scripture Union has been giving away all their tents to be used as temporary shelters. In addition they are using their well at their Ica center to provide water for as long as it will last without power.

I have collected several news stories and facts on the I Dig Peru website. Among them is a article about some of the Scripture Union workers carrying water. They could not get out of their vehicle for the people asking for just one glass of water. Another story is about our own military providing medical teams to the area and how they were pleasantly surprised there were no significant injury cases like loss of limbs normal to a disaster such as this one.

We know that Scripture Union has been affected by the loss of some of their own buildings and by giving away the tents they use in their camping program. Mauldin United Methodist is accepting donations to the church with PERU-EARTHQUAKE in the memo line so they can designated to Scripture Union's relief effort.

Please don't forget to pray for all affected but most importantly for those that many agencies will forget about and that is the street boys of Peru. While you pray, please don't forget those in Texas and the Midwest that are homeless due to flooding.



The 2007 Peru Mission Team. More photos from this year's trip can be found at www.idigperu.hendrix-engineers.com

Upcoming Opportunities to Serve

UMM work day at Asbury Hills-Sept 14 and 15.
Contact Howard Petree for more information

Bids to Help Kids by the UMW on September 22. Items and services needed for the auction. (Peru Items left over make great auction items) Adult Tickets are \$8 and Children are \$4 with dinner being catered by Trivina's. Tickets are for sale in the Son Room at church. For those outside the church, please contact Steve Hendrix if you want tickets.

Full Dimension Ministry-USA Mutt's fundraiser on September 27. We need work volunteers and help advertising. Check the website for promotional flyers.