



*'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 Trip Notes*

Mauldin United Methodists' 2007 Mission Trip to Peru has been set with Scripture Union Peru for Kawai. We will be leaving on July 21 and arriving late in the night at the camp/resort. We will be spending the next week working on new bungalow buildings, visiting schools and spending time with the street boys located at this camp.

Stephen Dunlap is this year's team leader and has 19 individuals (9 new team members) signed up. They include: Brad Gainey, Carolyn Smith, Carrie Dunlap, Cathy Storey, Dilsa Johnson, Jennifer Barry, Jennifer Britt, Jo Nelson, Julie Sellars, Quinlyn Sellars, Jan Campbell, Jerry Campbell, Ben Jones, Kirby Center, Linda Hodges, Matt Richardson, Steve Hendrix, and Victoria Atkins.

Leaders include:

Spiritual-Jerry Campbell  
Donated Items-Kirby Center  
Communication/Promo-Kyle Gordon  
VBS-Linda Hodges  
Secretary-Carolyn Smith  
Fundraising-Steve Hendrix  
Send off Service-Julie Sellars  
Christmas Tree-Brad Gainey  
Joe Corbi's-Fran Franke  
Mutt's-Jennifer Britt  
Yard Sale-Jennifer Barry  
Spaghetti Dinner-Carolyn Smith

It is great to see many previous members jumping in to help out this year.



### Useless Information to Brighten your day:

- A total of 50 different people have been to Peru as part of a MUMC mission trip
- We have raised over \$100,000 for our trips and for Scripture Union in General since starting this ministry in 2004

## *News from the Peru Team and Friends*

Elmer, Kathryn, Kevin and Sammy Rojas will be leaving Scripture Union Peru in April. The Rojas family will be returning to Kathryn's homeland of Scotland so Kevin can pursue additional education opportunities. Kevin did very well on his International BAC Exam and Kathryn had an interview on the 20th of this month via internet video chat.

William Snyder's planned trip in 2007 has been delayed until 2008. William was part of the 2004 and

2005 teams and has since moved to Texas where he is part of a church with a strong mission background and is attempting to have them add a trip to Peru to their schedule.

The first Peru Christmas Party was held December 12 at Bill and Pat Hendrix's house with great success. Rough counts had 66 people including kids attending. We will hopefully be having more events for all who have attended and are planning on it in the future. Currently a summer cook-

out is being considered.

Jennifer Medlock is planning to go to Costa Rica on a mission trip this year with her husband. Info on the project they are working on can be found at [www.jasonysarah.com](http://www.jasonysarah.com) which is a personal web site for the couple managing the construction project.

Congratulations to Kelsey Brookie and Michael Achee for raising \$215 and \$235 respectively for the Gulu Walk. [www.guluwalk.com](http://www.guluwalk.com)

## Calendar of Events

Peru Meeting	February 13
Joe Corbi's (in Son Room)	February 18
Joe Corbi's (in LIVE)	February 25
Peru Meeting	March 13
Yard Sale Drop off	March 24
Joe Corbi's Deadline	March 27
Yard Sale Drop off	March 31
Mutt's Night	March 29
Joe Corbi's Delivery	April 11
Peru Meeting	April 10
Yard Sale	April 21
Spaghetti Supper	May 16
Golf Tournament	Expected May
Trip	July 21-30

Do you dig Peru? Let us know to add you to our newsletter at: [shendrix@hendrix-engineers.com](mailto:shendrix@hendrix-engineers.com) In the future we will be offering an email version to this newsletter.

## Fundraising Update

We have tried to expand the fundraising "year" for this mission trip, but unfortunately our first event, a home tour, fell through when several backed out of providing their homes due to unforeseen situations. The second event, Christmas Tree pickup, went as well as many of the Boy Scout's first years and they now make over a \$1000 each year. While we only made \$80, we have started to build this fundraiser and hope it will grow much like it did for the Boy Scouts in future years. We have had folks step up to take leadership of all our major fundraising events scheduled. Kim Gainey has also offered to lead another fundraiser for us. She will be organizing the sell of kitchen knives that the Circles used to sale every 4-5 years. Currently we stand at \$6499 of our budgeted \$30,000. We are also planning fall fundraisers for the 2008 team as well with a craft fair.



## Welcome to the First I Dig Peru Newsletter

After some discussion, we felt it was time we started a formal means of communication between our current team members and those who have gone before. This can also serve as a communication tool for the whole group to stay involved.

Please also let us know if you have news to share as we hope to make this a great place to share our many mission stories and love of helping others in

Christ's name.

The Peru team also has a presence on the web with Dennis Karpinski's blog at:

<http://idigperu.blogspot.com>

The Mauldin United Methodist website also has pictures from our previous trips and will soon have informational sections on the mission project.

[www.mauldinmethodist.com](http://www.mauldinmethodist.com)

Let us know if you are working on ways to communicate the mission.

## Peru Stories

Please consider writing about your experience with the Peru mission team or other mission projects you have been involved with. We hope to self-publish a book of these stories. Topics we are looking for include but are not limited to:

- Team Stories
- Travel Stories
- How the Mission changed You
- How it changed others around you,
- Miracles and Grace/Strength.

While I understand many of you don't think you have a story to tell, let me assure you that some of the smallest details to us can sometimes have the biggest impact to those who cannot go. This project is as much about giving them insight into our mission trips so they feel like they have gone as it is a fundraiser. We are also not limiting this to Peru Mission Stories so if you have a Salkehatchie or other mission project story please share it.