

Peru Trip 2 Arrival

I'll start off short and then for those of you who want more info I'll explain in more detail below.

Tim and Tom from Costa Mesa CC and I am in Peru with Marco and Monique. As most of you know, we collected funds and things to fill a container for the earthquake victims. The container arrived last week and is in customs. It should clear by Wednesday and then we will be distributing the goods. Please keep us and our families back home in your prayers. Also pray that we would be Jesus' hands and feet and draw others to Him in all we say and do.

Now for a little longer version:

As you may know we came to Peru in August after the earthquake hit to survey the damage and pray about what God would have us to do. We joined up with Calvary Chapel Bible College in Peru and under John Boner's direction, hooked up with Marco who showed us around for a few days. We came back and followed the Lord's lead with putting a container together to bless the people with.

Through many God things, we were able to raise money, collect goods and wheel and deal so that a container valued at over \$100,000 is sitting in customs waiting to clear and then be distributed!! God is Awesome!!

When we were first down here, as I mentioned, we met up with Marco. He is a native of Peru, but as a youngster moved to CA with his family. After getting saved and attending CC Downing, he started making short term mission trips back to his native country and felt the Lord's call here permanently. He went to his pastors and shared with them. They said they would pray and get back to him. As time went on, he continued making trips and then got married to a CA girl, Monique! Finally the time came and his church sent him to Peru.

He has family and is from Machu Picchu, a beautiful mountainous area. He headed to Lima with his wife and they plugged into CC Lima and helped out at the Bible College at the beginning of the summer as they waited to form a team to head to Machu Picchu. Then the earthquake hit and he ended up carting us around for a few days. We all began to sense God's calling of Marco to the area of Pisco, the hardest hit by the earthquake, and with very little Christian influence. We went back to Lima and shared our findings with John and headed back to the US to work on the container.

In the meantime, Marco and Monique with others from Lima began ministering on a weekly basis in Pisco. God has directed them to begin a CC in that area and they have started having church services in the stadium where the people are living. As we worked on the container, which seemed to be taking forever, God in His perfect timing was bringing the work together. Now 4 months later, we are able to go down with Marco and

Monique as they begin God's work and distribute much needed humanitarian items as we share Christ's love with them!

They have had a lot of different outreaches going on and have just secured a home in Pisco and are in the process of moving down. For more information, please see they blog spot at:

www.marcoandmonique.blogspot.com.

Here is a copy of their latest email:

Dear Friends and Family:

Our blog has recently been updated with photos from the medical outreach that we did last week in Pisco.

The success of this outreach will be difficult to put into words. We have all been overwhelmed by how God has used this outreach to bring many into His kingdom.

Over two and a half days we met with over 600 patients. God's spirit was uniquely working through the medical and counseling team. Through the care and compassion of administering medical care the Lord softened the hearts of each patient. After meeting with Maurice, the medic, each family was escorted to one of three stations for biblical counseling. We saw how got used the medical consultation to prepare them for spiritual healing from the Lord. As we counseled with the patients, we explained that as God was concerned about their physical needs He was also concerned about their spiritual needs. Just as a doctor has his medical book of symptoms and cures, the bible is God's book to diagnose our spiritual infirmities. God provided a cure to heal and set us free from sin by sending Jesus Christ. The response to the gospel in this very personal and intimate setting was overwhelming. Almost every single person prayed to receive Christ as their savior.

We were truly amazed to see how God hand picked each person to be on this medical team. They all truly leaned upon the Lord for guidance and were uniquely led by His spirit to minister to each person. We were blessed to be able to work along side these brothers and sisters of such spiritual quality. The Lord used them to perform outstanding work for Him. We are so grateful to Calvary Chapel of Downey for making it possible for them to come to Peru.

Alfred Mejia was able to have the medical team interviewed on television. The TV reporter was surprised to hear about our work in Pisco and requested us to be featured on their news program. He was overwhelmed that Americans would leave their families and jobs to come to Peru to provide medical care for free. We all shared on television that God called us to serve the Peruvian people in their time of need and to let them know that Jesus loves them. When Marco shared that we were moving there permanently to start a church he was even more amazed. After the show he said he was speechless by what he heard. In his words, "There is something different about you guys. I don't know what it is but it's different." He invited us the following day to be interviewed on radio.

We had the exciting opportunity to meet with the Mayor of Pisco. God has given us so much favor with the mayor and his staff. They are fully supporting our outreach in January and will offer their efforts to promote the event to their citizens.

Marco and I also secured a place to live in Pisco. It's about 10 minutes from San Andres in the town of Paracas. We should be living there in a couple of weeks.

We continue to see the hand of God moving in Pisco. We are just trying to keep up with Him. This week was an outstanding time of ministry. We thank you for your support, effort and prayers towards reaching Pisco for Christ.

The slide show of the medical outreach can be viewed by clicking the photo below the title "Medical Outreach" on the left side bar. After the photo opens into another window, click the link "Slideshow" on the right.

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Very sincerely,

Marco and Monique