

PERU TEAM 2 REPORT 6/19/08-6/28/08

The Lord was glorified in many ways on this trip, and the following are just some of the highlights. We had 3 main objectives going in:

- 1) Medical clinic to build relations and evangelism
- 2) Encourage the believers in Incuyo, particularly Ronald, the leader who had stopped meeting.
- 3) Encourage the believers in Chumpi

God accomplished the above, plus much more, in ways we couldn't imagine.

Pullo: We started on Sunday with worship with the believers, with 8-10 in attendance, and sweet time of worship. We began small group discipleship that night using "To Follow and Fish", with 3 in attendance. The next 2 nights the study grew to 15, and about 9 the 3rd night. There was much enthusiasm, and The Lord's Supper was observed one night, and 3 were baptized: Rosa & Havier (husband and wife), and Ada, who has been functioning as the leader. Our host home- Pedro and Ignacia- were very enthusiastic, and after living together 20 plus years want to get married and then get baptized. God used team 1's influence to prepare them for this. Pedro shows much promise as a potential leader.

In the clinic, we saw a total of about 100 plus, with 40-50 praying to accept, but only the Lord knows the true number. The names and location of these new believers were given to Ignacia and Rosa to follow up on. We were led to another village about 30 minutes outside of Pullo- Chusi- where we saw another 40-50 people and many decisions. That annex needs to be visited again. The people of Pullo are very open and hospitable, and I believe that of the 3 areas where we are working, this one seems to show the most potential. They are expecting and looking forward to team 3's visit. We did emphasize the fact that they were autonomous and did not need us to meet, baptize, or perform the Lord's Supper- essentially function as a church.

Incuyo: Four of us went to Incuyo to try to find and encourage the believers, especially Ronald, the leader. The other 6 stayed behind to conduct that nights Bible study in Pullo. God used a tragedy for His glory to accomplish this. We found Ronald at the medical clinic (which we visited to just say hi to Dr Juan who we knew). Ronald was there because they were doing an autopsy on his sister- who was murdered that very morning. That evening and the next day, God used us to minister to Ronald, his mother (Sonovia),

and that family in many ways- provided transportation for the body back to their town of Collahuacho, for the casket, and providing a meal for the family to cook for the wake. The end result was closer ties to this family and Ronald saying he would rejoin the group and assume his leadership role. This situation really needs follow-up. The 19 year old sister, Carla, was saved at one of the medical clinics 2 years ago, and was re-contacted last year, so we were able to speak of hope. We did talk to several of the believers in Incuyo (Ilda- restaurant owner), and they did say they had met several weeks ago, and were ready to continue meeting.

Chumpi: We spent our last night in Chumpi and were able to locate 4 believers- 2 couples. Both said the same thing- they were discouraged, and did not meet when we were not there, and they had no leader. We were able to have a long prayer session with one couple, and the younger couple- David and Griselda- did host a Bible study in their home previously.

Suggestions for strategy for the rest of this year:

If possible, each team should visit all 3 areas. It is just over 1 hour from Pullo to Incuyo, and we made that drive late at night, so you could have Bible study in Incuyo and drive back to Pullo without having to move camp. Each group has copies of “To Follow and Fish”, which is also attached, but the Lord may lead you to use other materials. Chumpi remains the most difficult area, and each team may consider spending 1-2 nights there. The Nasca team (Pastor Jose and Ilias) can help you locate the homes of the believers in each town- which we found was the best way to make contact, with evening visits.

Additionally, this year we need to send small groups of 2-3 for quick trips for intense discipleship over the winter (dec- mar). I plan to go during this time frame, ideally, 2-3 teams would be best. These would be quicker trips- traveling light, eating with the believers, and perhaps staying in their homes, not stopping in Nasca overnight either way. Please pray about that.

In summary, we saw God move in powerful ways on this trip- completely due to the power of prayer, and the foundation laid by team 1. God is being glorified in those mountains! And I believe it is only going to get better!

In His Grip,
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