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“The entrance of His Word gives light.” Psalm 119:130

God Uses Ordinary People as Extraordinary Servants to Accomplish His Purposes.

Chimbote, Peru (June 24-July 1)



Jane Ann and I are never surprised that God uses ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary purposes. However, we must admit, we are sometimes amazed at how He chooses to do it. This time He chose twelve courageous men to travel to a remote village in Chimbote, Peru. Our assignment was to construct a church in a vastly unreached area of the Amazon, evangelize the community and conduct a medical clinic for the people there. This was indeed a non-stop excursion. We left Lubbock, Texas at 3:00pm on Saturday, June 24th and arrived in Chimbote Sunday evening around 5:45pm. After getting

settled in our camp we ate dinner, (rice and beans of course), and prepared to hold our first church service at 7:00pm. All the evening services had praise and worship time, ministry to the children and then preaching the Word of God to the village people, usually lasting two hours. On our first night we had a couple of visitors from one of the military bases in Peru. After the service we had a time of prayer and ministry for those who wanted to receive more. As God would have it, two soldiers came forward for prayer. As we laid hands on them, Pastor Royce Riggan prayed and they were instantly healed! The two soldiers returned to their headquarters and told their friends what had happened to them. As a result, we were invited to their base the next day to share the Gospel with all of the soldiers. It was a divine appointment arranged by the Holy Spirit. They said “We want to know more about this Jesus.” We spent three hours peaching the Word, giving testimonies and answering questions about how to have a personal, living relationship with God. That afternoon was a powerful time in the presence of the Lord. He was touching every man’s heart and in some cases emotions. The men were so desperate for a real, tangible experience with a loving God. God never disappoints a hungry soul! For their security we cannot post their photos, but I can tell you the joy and comradery that we experienced with them was incredible. Please pray for these men and their families that the Holy Spirit will invade their lives.



I cannot say enough about the commitment, character and Christ-honoring witness the Pursue Missions and Gateway Missions team demonstrated. No doubt about it -- this was the Dream Team! I want to thank the men, their wives and you for your financial and prayer support for this mission trip. I especially want to thank Jeremy Ruthardt (pictured at left) for his leadership role in the planning, recruiting and execution of our trip.

Day one was exciting as we started our role in constructing the church. This what we saw when we arrived on the job with tools in hand. All the floors needed to be laid and the walls needed to be raised. Fortunately, the Colombian team had arrived a few days ahead of us to put the foundation and roof in place. The roof provided much needed shade from the blistering sun. The word HOT does not begin to describe the temperature there. Our team would say it was MUY CALIENTE!!!!



During the day we would work on the church building, have children's programs, do house to house visitation, pray with elementary school and kindergarten children, conduct medical clinics and lead teaching times for the men of the neighborhood. During the evening we would have children's ministry and church services for the entire community. We never ran out of something to do.



On our last day to work on the church, we were tired and wondering if we would be able to complete our mission. But God knew what we needed. With our saws and hammers moving slowly and our doubts rising, we looked up and saw twelve Peruvian soldiers from the military camp come walking up the hill. With big smiles on their faces, they said "We want to help you build the church." They looked like God's angels to us! These men had sensed the power of God's Spirit in our ministry and our love toward them. Now God was using them to encourage us at the time we needed it the most.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." (Psalm 133:1-3) On our final night there, with 190 people worshipping in the only Charismatic Church in Chimbote, we participated in a baby dedication service and dedicated the new church building to God's glory.

To be certain, the presence and power of God were remarkably manifested before our eyes during the entire trip. We arrived in Chimbote with boyish excitement and great expectations, and we returned home as better men, husbands, leaders, fathers and friends!



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Pastors Eric & Descente, pastors of the new church.



Mayor Louis being baptized in the Amazon River



Inside the New Church



The New Church Building



Crossing into Peru for Visas



Children of Chimbote

Running the race to win,

Gary and Jane Ann Casey

Mission Results: Salvation of Marines-12, Other Military Salvations-9, Evening Services Salvations-60, Meeting with Men-40, Ministry to Elementary School Children-120 & Kindergarten Children-40, House to House Evangelism-300, People Treated in Daily Medical Clinics-90 and Water Baptisms-3.

Two words: Endless gratitude. Thank you.

Thank you never seems adequate in expressing our gratitude for every cup of cold water, every encouraging word, every prayer lifted and seed sown into the lives of Pastors, Church Leaders that you have provided. *"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."* (Proverbs 11:25) We still have Medellin, Colombia Pastors and Church Leaders Conference, Cuba Pastors Conference and Palmira, Colombia Youth Conference on our calendar. Thank you for partnering with Gateway Missions. You are always in our thoughts and prayers. <http://gatewaymissions.org/donate/>

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