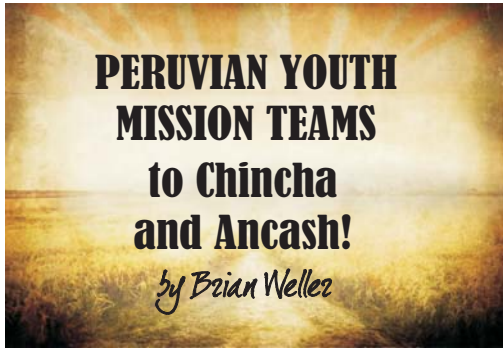




Message Ministries & Missions Inc.

Mission Update – February 28, 2012

"Sharing God's message of hope in action"



February was an active and busy month for the ministry in Peru. As we had planned and prayed, two Peruvian Youth Mission Teams were sent out into two different regions of Peru. The first team, led by Pastor Jose, Amanda, and Marco, went to Chinchá, a three-hour bus ride south of Lima. The other team, led by Pastor Gilberto and Doris, headed into Ancash, about three hours northeast of Lima. Both teams were very successful. They were able to present the Gospel, and in Ancash they handed out clothes to many in need. I watched part of the outreach in Chinchá on Skype, and it was a big blessing to see the Peruvian youths ministering on the street. I watched them share testimonies, present dramas, sing worship songs, and pray for others. It was a special blessing to then watch as Pastor Jose asked people come forward to give their hearts to the Lord.

The young people paid what they could to finance these trips; we helped subsidize the rest of their costs. An awesome group of leaders organized these mission trips, and we are honored to work with them. Special thanks to Pastor Jose and Amanda, and Pastor Gilberto and Doris, for your hard work and dedication. Also thanks go to Marco, our mission co-ordinator who keeps everything organized and running smoothly. We've included here some pictures from the two trips, and you can see more pictures online.



MORE TEAMS + MORE MILES = IT'S TIME FOR A VAN IN PERU!

As Message Ministries and Missions looks into the future, we plan on assisting the churches we work with in Peru to send out a stream of mission teams into other areas of the country. Our Peruvian leadership has told us how excited the young people are after the first two teams went out. They are ready to GO more often! Sending native teams is a commonsense approach to missions. They already know the language and the culture, and native missionaries cost so much less to support than Americans flying in from overseas. The major expense on any Peruvian youth mission trip is the transportation cost.

With this in mind, at our recent annual Board of Directors meeting, we all agreed that it's time for us to purchase a vehicle for use in Peru. It needs to be a vehicle large enough to transport teams of 10 to 15 people into other areas of Peru, and also a vehicle that can be used by our smaller teams from the USA. In reality, the cost of this van will be no more than the cost of one large team flying to Peru from Tampa. We will continue to host strategic mission teams in Peru from the USA, but many of our outreaches will be conducted by the Peruvian teams.

Would you consider helping us purchase a van? Last year, I was in Peru five times. On four of those trips, we rented a van just to get around. For two of the teams, we rented buses. Over the years we have already spent, just on vehicle rentals, the same amount it will cost to purchase a van; I'm not even counting the bus rentals.

We now plan to send 10 to 12 Peruvian mission teams a year into the field, so a vehicle has really become a necessity. Vehicles in Peru cost more, so we'll need at least \$15,000 to \$20,000 for a serviceable used one. I know that is a lot, but as a mission team member once said, "If it is God's will, it is God's bill." Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.

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