



30 Years of Message Ministries

Hello Friends,

It's been 30 years since the founding of the original Message Ministries in 1978. As I sit here reflecting on what God has done and look at what God is doing now, my heart fills with joy and my eyes with tears of gratefulness to God. I'm so thankful, He has allowed us to serve Him all these years. We know it's only by God's grace and power that any of us can accomplish anything that makes a difference in this world.

We at Message Ministries & Missions are humbled to be a small part of bringing the message of Jesus to the world by helping to strengthen the indigenous churches, by reaching out to lost hurting souls with the gospel, by feeding the poor, by providing medical care for the sick, by helping orphans and by building homes for victims of catastrophes like the earthquake in the Ica Region of Peru.

What to do about NEEDS!

In this world there are so many needs and sometimes as a small ministry we're limited to what we can do, but God isn't and never will be! As needs come our way, we're learning more and more as a ministry, to believe God for His power and provision to do what we can't humanly do. **God loves the people of the world far more than any of us do or can.** With that in mind, it only makes sense, that God will answer the prayers aimed at helping the lost and hurting. Quite often, He does that through His servants. Thank you for your continued love and support in helping us meet the spiritual and physical needs of the poor and needy.



Pisco, Peru - At the end of the school and work day this family works together to build their new little house with supplies we were able to provide.



Pisco, Peru - Hector is the architect of this little house design. Many look the same but here is another one almost finished.

New Feeding Center Near Dump



I listened as Hector told me about Ponte Piedre in Lima, Peru. **He had recently visited there and told of the children that lived around the dump trying to salvage things to survive on.** He told of a local pastor trying to help these children and others, but without the means to feed them. Someone had told the pastor they would start a feeding center but never sent any help. **Hector asked if we could do anything to help and I had to answer with a "yes"!**

I had recently read **1 John 3:18 "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and truth"**. With that in mind, we couldn't look at our bank account and say "no". We had to look at the heart of the Father and His Word and say "yes". **I said "Hector, go ahead and start it up, we'll trust God for the funds."** Very often that's how it is in missions, we take the first step by trusting God for the provision He's already promised in His word! **Most of the time we don't know where the funds will come from but they always seem to come in somehow, someway, from somewhere, through someone that God touches with the same burden for that specific need.**

The Ponte Piedre Feeding Center will open next week and will feed 60 children three times a week, the pastor says more will come. The cost will be about \$150 a month or \$1,800 a year, which isn't much when you consider that's 720 meals a month, and about 9,000 meals a year. If you would like to help please let us know. **Perhaps you, your church or youth group would like to take on the support of this center. We'll send you a picture of the kids for you to remember to pray for them on a regular basis.** Perhaps you'll visit sometime and minister in Ponte Piedre.



Ponte Piedre - This is where we are helping the church start the Ponte Piedre Feeding Center

Earthquake Relief in Chincha, Peru



Chincha - Hector and the mission team from Lima

Hector Del Carpio, our Peruvian missionary just returned from Chincha, a town in the Ica Region where the Earthquake hit last August. We've been praying about what to do next with the relief funds that many of you have given. **We've already helped to build many little homes (like the one pictured on the bottom left corner) in Pisco but felt there were needs in other places that we needed to explore and fill.**

Through a Peruvian pastor friend, Hector was directed to a pastor in Chincha who had lost his home and knew of four other families nearby that were also without homes since the Earthquake. **We were able to provide building materials for these five families in Chincha. You can only imagine the look on their faces when help arrived from an unexpected source after many months of hoping and praying!** It's a blessing to give in the name of Jesus the funds that many of you have given out of love for people like these, who are in need. **We know that often it's a sacrifice to give and that you're giving up something for yourself to help others with a greater need. God knows that too and honors you for it!**

Hector just returned from Chincha with an indigenous mission team from Pastor Hernan's church in Lima. For some on the mission team it was their first mission trip. Hector said they were so excited about having the opportunity to be there in Chincha serving God. **While there, they put the foundation and columns in for two houses.** The people can now begin to lay the bricks for the walls since the hardest part of the construction is done. All five houses have the foundations and columns in, so it won't be long before they are living in there new little homes. **Praise God for these mission teams from Lima going to help!**



Chincha - The Mission Team from Lima at work.

UPCOMING MINISTRY PROJECTS AND NEEDS:

Corazones En Fuego Bible School

Lima, Peru

Church Construction - Valle Verde, Peru

Our ministry board approved going ahead with this project. The land was purchased for \$200 and we'll need around \$3,000—\$3,500 to build a church building, which will also be home to the Valle Verde Feeding Center which is operated by the church through funds we provide through our donors. This area is very poor and this church has a very strong ministry to the people in the area.

The name of the church in English is Christ is the Way Assembly of God Church. Pastor Jose Amaya is the pastor. Please pray with us that God will provide for this project.



The Valle Verde feeding center operates out of this makeshift church building.

In April, Pastor Guy Weatherly and Brian Weller will go to Lima to teach the first classes at the Corazones en Fuego (Hearts on Fire) Bible School in Marques. We'll begin with two seminar classes as we slowly work toward becoming a full fledged Bible School and Mission Training Center. These classes are being offered by the pastors for people in their churches that feel a call into ministry. They'll be given a Certificate of Completion for each seminar class. These certificates will represent so many study hours and will be put towards a ministry Certificate of Completion for the Bible School and later for the Mission Training Center. We are working on the curriculum for the school. It is being put together with much prayer and seeking the Lord for what fits best in this particular area. **For a season, we'll be offering three and four day seminar classes as we lay the groundwork for the future.** Please contact us if you are a minister and would like to be considered as a seminar teacher.

For the opening sessions, Pastor Guy is going to teach on *The Heart of the Pastor*. Brian will be teaching the other seminar class on the subject of *Discipleship*.



Youth Camp - Lima, Peru - June 25-28, 2008

We'll have to limit this camp to 200 Peruvian youth. The total cost of the camp will be about \$5,000 to \$5,500. We welcome your support as the Lord leads. It costs approx. \$25 to support a youth for the four day camp which includes food and lodging.

After last years camp the Peruvian youth groups grew both spiritually and numerically. This is a highlight of the year for most of these teens. Our Cross Street Youth Mission Team will minister and host the camp. We still need some teens to come and assist us (see poster below).



2007 - Peru Youth Camp—Group Picture



2007 - Peru Camp Mission Team

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
DC & SONJA KAUSHAL
IN NORTHERN INDIA**

DC & Sonja Kaushal are indigenous ministers in the northern part of India. They've been ministering there for over 35 years. They've planted close to 200 churches on the India/Pakistan border. They also operate a slum school and an orphanage. They have a vision of planting 500 house churches in an area with 5,000 villages that have no church whatsoever. **Please pray! Recently some of the pastors they work with were brutally beaten for their faith.** We've begun to send support to them but would like to do more. **Contact us if you have a heart for India and would like to help us to help them.** We'll be sharing more about them in the future.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR KATIE WELLER
WITH YOUTH WITH A MISSION**

Katie is working with YWAM - Youth With A Mission for six months. Katie left in January and is in a YWAM DTS - Discipleship Training School right now. **In April, she will leave on a two month mission trip to India with other YWAM'ers.** If you're interested in supporting Katie just send a note with your check earmarked for YWAM - Katie Weller.

Youth and College age students! Are you looking for an opportunity to GO on a mission trip this summer?

Mission Peru

Cross Street Youth Mission Team

June 21 to July 6, 2008

Join us for one or two weeks in Peru!

Mission #1 - June 21 to June 28:

Week one will be spent in Lima, Peru, where we will minister in the public schools, on the streets and in churches. The last four days of this mission we will help put on the 2008 Lima Youth Camp.

Mission #2 - June 29 to July 6:

Week two we'll be heading off to the Ica Region an area south of Lima, where a devastating earthquake hit in August 2007. We will be involved in relief work as well as ministering on the streets and in churches. Our relief work will include construction of a small house.

Cost of Mission:

Estimated Cost of week #1 or #2 is \$1,250

Estimated Cost of both weeks is \$1,650

Call our office if you are interested in one or two weeks of this mission.

For more information about the trip please visit www.messageministries.net or www.crossstreet.info. or call our office at 727-527-0595.

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