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## THE ANSWERED PRAYER — Puente Piedra



Sosimo and Jorge, celebrate the answered prayer for the children!!

We drove down the dirt road to the Puente Piedra Feeding Center. It was just as I remembered from the pictures Hector had sent, but pictures can never communicate the whole story! As I looked to my left, I saw the layers of garbage reaching out to the road. I then looked to my right as the car turned and came to an abrupt stop right in front of the feeding center we had committed to help. As we got out of the car, we were warmly greeted by two families in the church who help run the feeding center. One of the men responsible for starting the feeding center was there, his name is Sosimo and he couldn't wait to greet us with a great big hug.

Sosimo grew up in this area working in the dumps, recycling whatever he could find ever since he was a child. That's what he still does years later! He and his good friend Jorge work long, hard hours sifting through the garbage to find something they can recycle or sell. Then, they get up early with their wives, Angelina (Sosimo's wife) and Gloria (Jorge's wife) to feed the needy children of the neighborhood. When I think about them it makes me realize how shallow my own commitment to serving God really is.

I was eager to hear his story, so he shared with us, how as a child he would go to the police station with his tin cup. There the police would feed some of the poor children who lived around the dump.

Sosimo told us that when he gave his heart to the Lord, he wanted to do something to help the poor children, like he was helped as a child. He decided to take a step of faith and donated part of his property to open a feeding center. The only problem was they didn't have the funds necessary to feed the children. Through a divine appointment, Hector met Sosimo (an answer to prayer) and praise God, less than a month later Peoples Christian Fellowship of Bradford, Pa was touched with the need and committed to feed the children for a year. (Thank you PCF!)

Once again, Hector and I got to be the bearers of good news! When we shared the news with the feeding center volunteers that we had the provisions for a full year, they were overwhelmed with joy, knowing that God heard and answered their prayers. Isn't it amazing what a prayer and a step of faith can and will do when Jesus is leading the way! I learned another lesson of faith from these dear believers in Puente Piedra.



## HEARTS ON FIRE BIBLE SCHOOL — Lima, Peru



Our first class at the Hearts on Fire Bible School in Lima, Peru

We recently returned from Lima, Peru and the opening of the Hearts on Fire Bible School. The school is now operating out of the third floor of The Marques Project building. One day it will expand to the fourth floor as the school grows and more room is needed. What a blessing it was to see the third floor - main classroom full of pastors, ministry workers and students of different ages and callings. They were all there for the first seminar classes at the Bible School. The classes were held on Thursday and Friday nights plus all day Saturday. Most of the ministers we work with are bi-vocational, so Hector and the key pastors came up with a schedule that best fit theirs.

We opened the school with two seminar classes. Pastor Guy Weatherly taught on the "Heart of the Pastor" and I taught on "Discipleship". It was a blessing to look out and watch their pens moving a mile a minute, writing down the things that were most meaningful to them. It stirred my heart to see how hungry they were to gain whatever insights and training we could give. It's humbling teaching a group of people you have such a deep respect for. Pastor Guy and I both agreed we could sit in their seats and gain much insight from many of these pastors and ministry workers who are already fruitful in ministry. We know, some of these ministers will end up being teachers at the school as we progress.

On Saturday morning, I shared that our vision was to not only have classes at the Hearts on Fire Bible School but that we wanted to help equip them further by:

- 1) setting up a library of Christian books they can check out to read
- 2) setting up a computer center, complete with bible programs
- 3) setting up a video and audio library. Complete with the audio bible, teaching through the bible and other teachings, including video and audio of all bible school classes that will be available on mp3s, CD's and DVD. (We plan on having mp3 players they can check out. If you have an old mp3 player we can use it here!)
- 4) setting up an evangelism kit they can check out, which includes a generator, a PA system and a video projector with a library of Christian movies they can use to do outreaches in their communities. (Thank you Chris Krusen of www.messengerfilms.com for the donation of your films to the school)

After sharing this part of the vision with them, they praised God loudly for what He is doing! Thank you for your help in providing resources to help them fulfill the great commission in their communities.

In closing, we want to thank Hector Del Carpio, our Peruvian missionary who continues to be the hands and feet behind most of what we do in Peru. We also want to thank all of you who have helped us get to this point in the vision of a Bible School and Mission Training Center.







On June 25-28. we'll hold the third annual Lima, Peru—Cross Street Youth Camp. We're limiting the camp to 200 youth because of space available at the camp facility. We're adding two or three more churches which means each church gets less spots than in previous years. We're really excited about this years camp and the effect it will have not only on the youth who attend but also on their families, their churches, their schools and their country. We've already had many reports on the long term effects the camp is having in and through the youth who attend each year. Whenever we visit Peru and see the youth that attended the previous camps they ask about the next camp. For many of these youth who live in the very poor areas around Lima, this camp is the highlight of their year.

Please join us in prayer as we trust God for the \$6,000 needed to pay for the camp. We just found out the camp raised its prices and it now costs \$30 for each youth to attend which includes the cost of the buses to get them there and back. We know God will make a way, He always does!

ANNOUNCEMENT: I have a new CD available. It's a compilation of mission songs I've written over the past 30 years and recorded over the last 20 years or so. We pray the songs will inspire people to respond to God's call to reach the world wherever He calls us. We're not going to sell the CD or ask for an offering but rather offer it for free to anyone who wants it. The printing was done in Peru to keep the expenses down and soon the songs will be on the website for free download. Many are already there! Just check off the box in the response form to get your free copy. We pray it will be a blessing to you!



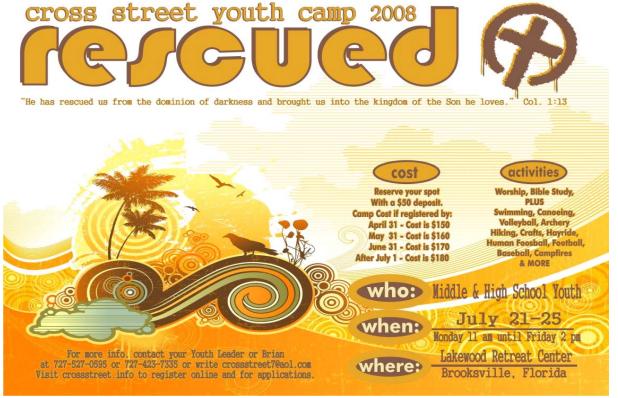


Another earthquake relief house going up in Pisco



Kids enjoying a meal at the Valle Verde Feeding Center

## COMING SOON: Brooksville, Florida - Cross Street Youth Camp - July 21-25, 2008



Most of you are familiar with our Peru Youth Camp.

Did you know we also put on a youth camp in Florida every summer and have been doing so since 1995. It's a discipleship camp with a mission emphasis and lots of fun events as well.

If you're interested in sending your youth or if you are a youth leader with a small group and would like to attend with your group give us a call or visit our youth website at ww.crossstreet.info On the web site you can download camp flyers, applications and view videos or pictures from previous camps.