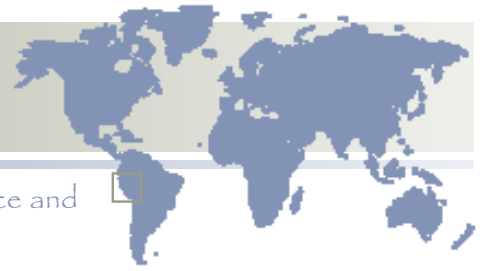




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"Ask of Me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession." Psalm 2:8

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Serving in Peru

Can you believe it? We have passed the 3 year mark on September 1st. It is amazing how fast time goes by when you are having fun. Despite having three years behind us, we are constantly reminded how much we still have to learn as missionaries to a foreign land. It seems we are just now starting to get a focus on the reason we are here. Most sending organizations will tell you it takes this long to work through the culture shock and cultural difference in conducting ministry and business. So we are extremely excited to have reached this point in our ministry to the nation of Peru and cannot wait to see how the future unfolds. It always takes time for a seed to germinate in the ground before you see the shoot breaking the ground. After that it seems you can literally watch the plant grow right in front of your eyes. We pray that is the case with our work here and we thank you for your continued support over these last three years.



One of the things we are seeing here in Peru, which has only come through time and getting adjusted to the culture, is the incredible need to train the "pastors" and church leaders. We continue to hear stories of towns where all of the church leaders admittedly have no training and are teaching whatever comes to mind. The gifts of the Spirit that are explained in 1 Corinthians are totally foreign to them and they do not recognize them when they are in action and thus miss the ministry for which they were intended. It is hard for us to hunger for something we do not know exists. It reminds me of the woman at the well as explained in John chapter 4. When Jesus showed up and began to dialogue with her and was talking about spiritual things deeper than the physical provision that the community was accustomed to for generations, she did not understand. Jesus had to tell her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it was you were talking to you would have asked me for living water." Even after that she still responded from what she saw physically.

But Jesus did not stop and say "You do not get it. I am going on." He opened her eyes so she could see what was available to her so that the gifts would spring up inside her like a fountain. The Bible

"Give me the love that leads the way, the faith that nothing can dismay, the hope no disappointments tire, the passion that will burn like fire, let me not sink to be like a clod: Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God!" Amy Carmichael



goes on to say she left her water pot behind, the old way of obtaining what she needed, and went to share with everyone in town. Then everyone came to Jesus because of that fountain of life.

As we begin to see more and more spiritual blindness in the church of Peru, it is evident to us why it is in the state that we see today. While in our Bible school one night, I asked the 48 students, “how many of you have a family member or neighbor who has visited a witch doctor or spiritual healer?” I do not think that there was one person who did not raise their hand. How scary is it to see that Christians who are leaders in their church and community are going to see ungodly (to put it nicely) people for answers they have not found in representatives of Christ? Please be in prayer with us that God would remove the spiritual blindness over the nation of Peru. We believe if we can live and demonstrate Christ to those who influence the rest of the body of Christ, they will become like the woman at the well and run into town and bring everyone to Jesus. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal any logs in our eyes so we can successfully help remove the speck in their eyes.

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

To all of you who dug deep and pitched in to help cover the cost of printing and translating the Holy Fire books by Dr. Michael Brown, thank you. The cost has been paid in full. We have already given away over 500 books to church leaders. We have books being distributed in Argentina and next month in Ecuador. The 2nd vice president of Peru has received a copy along with several congressmen. God is stirring up a hunger in the country. We are still printing books as the need arises, both from Derek Prince and Dr. Brown, so please pass the word to everyone you know. For only \$3.50 per book we can continue to provide the materials that will open the eyes of these leaders to teachings that will pay huge dividends in the Kingdom of God. This will be an ongoing project and we need your help to keep this in front of people. The need is huge and as other nations open up to us we need the continued partnership on this project. So please challenge those you have contact with to give up a cup of coffee each week to change a community in Peru.

PRAYER NEEDS

We have several events coming up that we need you to help cover in prayer.

- Our family (kids school, unity, protection)
- New feeding programs in jungle
- Pastor’s conferences in Lima, Iquitos and Ecuador
- New Support Partners

It is our prayer that the eyes of your heart will be open to the fullness of Christ in your life and it will become a fountain of living water for you, your family, and the town in which you live. Please continue to send in your family photos for our prayer board if you have not already.

Live Holy!!

Serving in Peru, The Smiths