



Message Ministries & Missions Inc.

Mission Update – August 25, 2009

"Sharing God's message of hope in action"

PERU - AUGUST MISSION TEAM UPDATE

In August we were blessed to have the Performing Hearts Puppet Team from the Florida Keys join us for a week in Lima. This small team of seven was awesome!



The Performing Hearts Puppet Team ministering on the street in Pachacutec.

They ministered with puppets and drama on the street, in schools, churches and feeding centers. **They even visited a couple places that have never had a team before, including the school group in the picture above. The school had no electric so we had to set up on the sandy street nearby and tap into someone's electric.**

This was the first time we've had a puppet team come and work with us in Peru and it was amazing to see how attentive the kids were to the puppet ministry. **Their little eyes were fastened to what the puppets were doing and their ears alert to what was being communicated.**



Some of the team with Pastor Carlos in La Gorilla

One of the highlights came on the last day of the week when the team put on a Puppet Ministry Training Seminar at the Hearts on Fire Bible School in Marquez. **There were people there from 18 churches who came to learn how to begin using puppets in their ministries to children.** The team had prepared a power point presentation and hand out sheets for attendees. They had



Puppet Training Seminar at the HOF Bible School & Training Center

a demonstration time, a question and answer time and a small group training time. They also donated some puppets for the churches to use, plus a book with patterns on how to make puppets and puppet stages. The people were eager to start as soon as possible to make their own

puppets and stages. In the meantime they can use the puppets and stage curtains at the Bible School. **They're all very excited about getting started especially after seeing the effect the Performing Hearts Puppet Team had in the places they visited on their trip.** If you have some puppets you'd like to donate toward the puppet ministry in Peru, please send them to the ministry address provided on the back of this newsletter. or call our office for a street address to send them to.

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KATIE WELLER IN KITGUM, UGANDA! by Brian Weller

Katie left for Uganda with the desire of making an eternal difference in the lives of the people there. She had no doubt God wanted her to GO and left on the long flight to Uganda with that in mind! During her 30 days there, she did lots of different things including leading Vacation Bible School outreaches with The Guynns in Kitgum and in the surrounding villages for many children. She visited and ministered to people in the local hospital. **But what Katie seemed to love best was volunteering in the local orphanage which is presently home to 35 children.** These children had lost their parents either through war or HIV.



Many of the children had HIV but it didn't matter to Katie as she still held them, played with them and loved them. She wanted them to know she loves them and that God loves them and values them too! I just keep thinking how God sent this one college student so far to show how much He loves those orphans. **Please remember that one person can make a difference! You too are one person and God is using you to make a difference!**

Katie's mission trip to Kitgum, Uganda was all she hoped it would be and more! Special thanks to Missionary Ventures and to Rex and Melinda Guynn, MV Field Coordinators in Kitgum for taking our daughter into their home as a mission intern and for providing some awesome opportunities for her to minister there.

Special thanks to all on our newsletter list for your prayers and financial support for Katie and for your response in meeting the needs for mattresses for the Kitgum Orphans. **Your response was amazing! Your gifts covered much of Katie's travel expenses. And your designated donations for mattresses for the Kitgum orphans covered the costs of all the mattresses needed plus met other needs the orphans & the orphanage had.**

GOD'S PROVISION FOR THE ORPHANS by Katie Weller

In a matter of 6 days over \$1600 was donated for mattresses and for other needs for orphans! Isn't God an amazing God! I was able to deliver the mattresses to the children the Tuesday before I left Kitgum and I cannot express how blessed I was to be the one bringing the good news and blessings from above!



GOD'S PROVISION FOR THE ORPHANS (continued)

The children crowded around the gate when we drove up with New red mattresses piled high on top of the vehicle! As we set

them in place the children quickly piled in the rooms sitting on their new beds and smiling broadly!! 14 beds in all covered the floor space in the rooms as Isaac, six, began to sing in his native



tongue Luo, "Thank you Jesus, Thank you Jesus, we are so blessed!" As he would sing each line the other children would repeat after him. Tears of joy were brought to my eyes seeing how something as simple as a mattress on the floor had made these 35 children ecstatic, knowing that they would no longer be sleeping on the cement floor. PRAISE BE TO GOD! The mattresses will be well put to use there!

Since more money than necessary for mattresses came in, we were blessed to be able to provide 40 bags of cement for the new orphanage building!

In May, they'd received a letter stating they were to be out of their current building by August! The Kitgum orphanage founder, Terrance, has worked hard to build the new building that they will now own, but due to finances they've been unable to finish it. Thanks to your support we were able to buy the rest of the materials needed to finish and move into the new building by September! :) Blessed be the name of the Lord!



Another opportunity that presented itself was to sponsor a student in school! It's complicated sometimes when doing this because there must be a commitment to continue with the sponsorship as the child or person continues school, year after year! **Bosco was made an orphan by the war and he's not finished high school because of lack of funds.** He lives in the village of Padibe about an hour drive from any town. He farms to provide for himself and his siblings! He has three years left of High School but has not been able to pay for it because this year's crop season failed him. **With some of the funds donated we will be able to provide for Bosco to finish secondary school for the next three years! :)**

I also purchased cloth diapers to mail to the Kitgum orphanage, so they'll be able to maintain a more sanitary environment!

People there generally don't use diapers and too often babies sit in the dirt bare bottomed going "potty" right where they sit. This is very unsanitary and is surely a cause of sickness and worms! Cloth diapers will be a big help



with this problem and when they are mailed one of the women from the bakery will be delivering them and explaining in their native tongue exactly how to use them!

Again thank you so much for all your prayer and support for this project that will continue to take place as time goes forward! **These children have made an eternal impact in my life and I am SO grateful that God could provide for them through your giving! It surely has been a great blessing!**

Katie Weller

PERU - AUGUST MISSION UPDATE (continued)

As we've shared before, our ministry vision isn't just to minister to the people of Peru or any country we visit but also to help them develop and do their own ministries more effectively. In this way, we can have a more enduring and permanent effect on the indigenous people we work with. **It's a blessing knowing that now there will be 18 new puppet ministry teams reaching out to children with the gospel instead of just the one that came for a week to minister.**

At the Puppet Training Seminar we also took people who are more gifted "electronically" and trained them in how to use the portable PA equipment and the video projection equipment. **Those that have received the training can now take our video projector and equipment to show Christian films in their churches or on the streets as an outreach.**

As the summer nears its end, we continue to thank God for His amazing love and grace in all things, especially as we look back on all that was accomplished in the last three months. **This summer we saw many children, youth and adults give their hearts to the Lord through the ministry of the teams that visited Peru to share their lives and their love with the Peruvian people.**

PERU - A STOVE FOR ADELA'S FEEDING CENTER

In other good news we were able to purchase a stove for Adela who operates one of the Pachacutec feeding centers. She travels into this very poor area as a missionary to her own people. Thank you Glenn's Valley Church team for the gift you left which enabled us to present this stove and some brand new pots to Adela and the other ladies that help in this feeding center. They were so excited, especially when we showed up the next day with the gas tank to light it up. Then they were really, really excited when we presented them a whole set of bowls, cups, spoons and forks for the 60 kids that attend the center.



I know sometimes we sound like a broken record thanking you for helping us to help them. But we like to share with you some of the things we do with your gifts. These things are very big blessings in these very poor areas. **So please know your generosity does not go unnoticed by God. God is smiling as we bestow these gifts on the poor in the name of Jesus!**

