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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

Peru & Malawi & A PLEA!



PERU UPDATE

Vicky and I flew to Lima where once again we overnighted in the SAM mission house. I'm not sure why, as Lima is on the coast, but it always seems cold there. Even though we were expecting it to be cool, it was colder than I was prepared for. With no heat in the SAM house, we went to bed as soon as was reasonable. The next morning, we flew through the mountains to Tarapoto where it was warm, sunny, and surrounded by beautiful green mountains. Vicky took a Dramamine tablet in preparation for the twists and turns on the three-hour journey through the mountains to Yurimaguas. I really enjoy the drive as the scenery is beautiful. I would love to come some day and just take my time on a motorcycle and take photos. However, there never seems to be time for that when there is so much ministry to do.



We stayed in a local hotel in Yurimaguas where Wi-Fi was available! We often rode to class and back in one of the



many three wheeled taxis. Susan Holowecky, director of the CTC program, greeted us when we arrived. Susan has a ministry to pregnant women and the many malnourished children there. Most of the problem situations are among the Shawi Indians who live in

the more remote areas. The Shawi don't have clean water in their villages so they must carry water from the nearest river. Their diets lack the variety and quantity of foods needed to be healthy. Susan has two groups of students, day students and evening students. There are nearly 30 Indians in



the day group who come to Yurimaguas from their villages. Some must come several hours by river in dugout canoes and return the same way.

Others will ride in the back of a passing pick-up truck to make their way to school. This group meets as often as Susan can arrange it given her schedule and when she can find teachers. A couple of the men even bring their families. There are always a few wives sitting in the back of the room listening to as much as they can before the kids need their attention. The evening group is made up of about 20 local people who want to do the CTC program.

I spent the week teaching the book of Acts. Because Spanish is a "second" language for these men, Shawi being their primary language, they do very poorly on the final exam that is given at the end of the week. Thus, I felt it might be helpful to conduct class using the same structure as the ONLINE version of CTC. We broke the material down into individual lessons with a short quiz at the end of each one and then a final exam. The lessons began to flow much easier after the guys took a few of the quizzes and got the idea. Because it took longer to teach each lesson, I was not able to complete the material. Susan or someone else will finish teaching the class. Although we had originally planned for Vicky to teach, she translated part of the time to give Susan some free time.



Before we returned to Portoviejo, I got everyone on stage for a group photo. Please remember these students in your prayers. They are zealous for the Lord and have a very hard life!

MALAWI and THE PHILIPPINES

I want to introduce you to Pastor Willy, a CTC graduate from our school in Blantyre who is married and has two children. He received the calling of God into ministry, enrolled in CTC, and graduated after a three-year period of faithful class attendance. While attending CTC, he often went out to preach to the remotest villages where few, if any, pastors go to preach. By the grace of God, he has already planted one church through his evangelistic effort. What makes this ministry special is that the area is notorious for witchcraft and occult practices. He recently began using the CTC materials to equip more people to help





evangelize the surrounding villages. We are presently working to get Pastor Willy a motorcycle through Mis-

sionary Ventures and the Christian Motorcycle Association. He has no transportation of his own—just the desire to go where others will not go.



I think he needs a bigger church!

This is just another example of why my heart has been so touched by the move of God in Malawi. It seems that most of the people we are reaching are either involved in some false spirit worship or deceived through Islam. No matter what the deception, God is opening their eyes to the truth. We are still trying to raise funds to put up two other church buildings. It seems like it will only be a matter of time before Pastor Willy asks for help.

Knowing that we are living in the last days, how can we turn our backs on opportunities like this that will make a difference in God's Kingdom! It only costs about \$10K to build a church that will likely be the only evangelical witness for miles in any direction. We have trained laborers willing to go and do the work. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us give them the tools to work with. You can make a difference!

We have a similar situation in the Philippines. Five graduates of our CTC program have pioneered churches in remote areas and need help providing their congregations with a place to worship. These five locations are like those in Malawi and will cost about \$10K each. That's eight churches we could build today if we had the \$80K to make it happen. I have sought help from a local foundation, but with no success. Because they have helped us with other projects in the past, they do not want to give us more funds even though they know the project is worthy.

I keep praying, asking God to release blessings on you who read this newsletter so that you would be blessed to be a blessing to God's work. It is a heavy responsibility to see

the need and know that with God's help we could meet that need and truly make a difference, yet not have the finances to do it. I know many of you who give on a regular basis sacrifice to do so. Please know we deeply appreciate your love for the Lord and faithful stewardship. However, to the others, let me share how important you are to this ministry. We currently send out 662 newsletters each month. We generally receive somewhere between 35-55 responses from individuals and a few churches. Those responses provide personal and project support, both vital to our ability to move forward.

I try not to commit to doing a CTC program unless I know I have the finances to see it through. Our CTC pastoral training support budget is dwindling. We have graduated over 2800 and currently have over 1300 students in more than 60 locations worldwide. We will very likely have the English version of our ONLINE CTC program operational by the time you read this newsletter. The cost to train those students varies. We have helped some programs become self sufficient while others need financial help that could vary from \$300 to \$500 per student. Once the English version of the ONLINE CTC program is operational, we have Spanish, French, and Macedonian versions waiting to be uploaded. Naturally, there will be a cost involved in doing that.

I honestly never envisioned a ministry that would grow to where we are today. God is adding others to help with the teaching responsibilities, but the financial burden is not something we can carry alone, and I don't believe God wants us to. He keeps growing the ministry; I keep praying for you to get blessed and give. That is how the Master designer designed it to work. We are to be laborers together, partners in ministry. Some go and others help them go and do the work. If you're not a goer then be a sender, be someone who stands in the gap and provides the tools needed to accomplish the work. Your reward will be the same portion as those who go. That is a scriptural principal from the Old Testament, where those who stayed by the "stuff" got the same reward as those who went to fight the battle.

Sponsor a student or ten students or build a church! Why not do something that will be rewarded when you stand before the Lord at the judgment seat of Christ!! **We need you—all of you! This is a time of thanksgiving, and we who are blessed to live in the USA have much for which to be thankful. Christmas will be here very soon, and that reminds us that year-end giving needs to take place before December 31st. I'm praying some of you will have seen tremendous blessing this past year, and be in a position to help us build those 8 churches. What a blessing it would be to start the new year building 8 churches in needy areas of the world. We just started a new CTC in Mozambique where the church walls are made of black plastic bag material. Surely we can make a difference there too!**
Blessings! **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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