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Practically sharing the love of Christ

The Christ of Christmas felt in Cusco!

By Eric Lovin

It started out on Saturday morning, December 18. Pastor Willy and the team from the base church, over 2 hours away, maneuvered the Andean roads to reach the Quechua villages of Qquecayo, Huatta, Huancalle and Chitapampa outside of Calca, Peru.

In each community, the children were able to receive a Christmas gift, be encouraged by local believers and hear the true Message of Jesus Christ in their language of Quechua! In the picture (top right), you can see some of the children showing off their Christmas gifts and appreciation. For many of these communities this was "first contact." This is a great way to introduce the villagers to the local body of Christ and to Him, by showing His Love practically. There are so many Quechua villages tucked away in this Andean area that continue to need His Love and Message.

With even more toys left over, the group then headed back to the base town of Cusco to the areas of Belén and Belénpampa. These are poor areas of the city where people from the Quechua communities have come down, many sleeping under plastic. Everyone was invited to the local church for a party of hot chocolate, bread and toys. The people came and lined up, and over 700 toys were given away just there!

Due to the tremendous giving of you and the local body in Peru, even more toys were left, so it was time to return to the streets of Belénpampa that night to surprise the kids who were not able to make it and were sleeping on the streets. As Sarah, Ps. Willy's daughter, put it, "It was wonderful! You would have loved to see the faces of the kids waking up to receive balls. We went by the tents made of plastic bags waking everybody up and the kids went out to make a line and receive their presents. Just imagine this picture: 10:30 p.m., colorful balls bouncing everywhere in a street full of garbage as kids with big smiles, laughed and played with their Christmas gifts. Our God is amazing!"

Next, entrance was granted to a local orphanage where each mattress on the floor held 3-4 kids with their mothers. They woke the children up, gave bread, gifts and the Message of Jesus in Quechua. The mothers and children were ecstatic!

It was a great two days of outreach, practically sharing His Love & Message. Over 1,000 toys were given out and 160 people, many children, prayed to receive Christ! Amazing! Thank you all for praying and giving towards this great outreach! Our goal is to be in these areas full-time to serve, on a daily basis, in outreach and discipleship building local bodies of believers all throughout the Andes! Continue praying as we get closer.

I'm getting closer to full-time!

By Eric Lovin

As I write this, I'm currently at 58% of raising my monthly, full-time budget to be on the field working among the unreached Quechua people.

The Quechua are ranked by the International Missions Board as unreached, meaning less than 2% of the population profess Christ.

Thank you to all who have been praying, encouraging and helping me to meet the goals. If you have not seen our Outreach Packet for our full-time work, I encourage you to visit www.spiritledexp.com/packet.

We continue to seek out churches, businesses and individuals to help us reach our goals. As Jesus said in Luke 10:2, "That harvest is plentiful..."



Quechua children in an Andean community show appreciation for their gifts!



A child getting fed on the streets



Bread & Barbie!

Intro meeting for our summer outreach to Peru planned!

It's that time of year again, time for us to embark on planning, praying and gearing up for our summer outreach expedition to Peru!

We are looking forward to what God has in store this year as we take people from here to the beautiful Andean mountains to minister in Jesus name among the Quechua people. We have two trips planned for June, one being medical from June 6-16, and the other from June 13-22.

The types of outreach that take place will be based on the talents of the team. We invite you to our Intro Meeting to find out more on Friday, January 14, at 7 p.m. It will be held at Eric Lovin's house in Elberton, Georgia, at 1776 Dickerson Road. For more info feel free to contact us.

Annual missions conference a great success & encouragement

Recently, three of Spirit-Led's staff were able to attend the annual Global Health Missions Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

This conference is something that we always look forward to--one of the many highlights of the year. We are able to spend time with other missions-minded folk, hear great speakers and see hundreds of exhibitors which include everything from insurance to new water filtration methods.

It's truly an encouraging and exciting time, filled with learning. It is one event of the year which brings all of our missionary friends, that we've been working with over the years, into one location. So a lot of the time is spent together catching up, encouraging each other and planning our next adventure in Him. And that's exactly what happened.



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