

The Drum Family

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Walking with Jesus

Billy came home after spending the morning in San Juan de Iscos and announced to me, "I had a great morning. I met Jesus on the road and we walked and talked for a long time."

"Really?", I said, in a skeptical way. Knowing that Billy is always trying to trick me, I was trying to gauge whether or not to fall into this conversation.

"Seriously! He is in his 80s and he walks like this," he demonstrated the stooped over shuffle of 'Jesus'.

"Okay—I'll bite. What are you talking about?", I said.

So, long story short, Billy really did meet Jesus. More accurately, he met *Jesús*, an 80+ year old man who can barely make his broken body shuffle down the mountain. Jesús had heard of the gringo missionaries (us) and the school that they had started in Iscos... after all, this school had caused quite a stir in the town, what with the typical "small town thinking and small town gossip" that seem to be a cultural phenomenon in any small town anywhere in the world. Jesús had a thing or two to say... mainly that he was ready to learn more about the Bible, that he thought we should start a bible study in town, and that he wanted to start a bible study group with all of his friends. In his words, "They are all my age or older. They don't have a whole lot of time left to know Jesus. It's time for them to know Him."

And so, it appears that we are in the process of starting a bible study for a group of 80-90 year olds in a little town in the middle of nowhere. And we don't have a lot of time to waste, according to Jesús.

But isn't he absolutely right?! We DON'T have a lot of time to waste. We don't really know how much time



we have, whether we are 80 or 90 or 18 or 43... we don't have time to dilly dally around with this!

So I'm really glad that Billy met Jesús this week. We have a renewed urgency to spread the Gospel. There are people out there who don't have time to spare.

Thank you for your support and for making it possible for people like Jesús and his friends to study the Bible and get to know Him.

P.S., Jesús came to Kid's Club yesterday. Guess you're only as old as you feel! ☺ ~Laurie & Billy

"The hour is coming and is even now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth."

~John 4:22

March to the beat... Daily life with The Drums

It's time for another entry in the "You might be a missionary" series. This time, we bring you missionary facts from the jungle...

- ◆ If you know for a fact that there are insects smaller than the holes in your mosquito netting, you might be a jungle missionary.
- ◆ If you have ever had to change your swimming hole in the local river because an anaconda has taken up residence, you might be serving in the jungle.
- ◆ If you have ever held someone's parrot while they had a tooth extracted by the mission dentist...
- ◆ If you have ever ridden 10+ hours in the back of a 4WD truck through the Amazon jungle...
- ◆ If locals greet you in the street as "doctora" or "dentista" or "pastora" or "professora" and you readily answer to all of those titles and give advice in the middle of the road, you are probably a jungle missionary.
- ◆ If, in the course of one day, you clean and treat several staph infections, a machete wound, an acid burn, numerous parasite issues, 5 different fungal infections, and numerous other ailments (too many to count), you have served on a jungle medical mission.
- ◆ If it is "normal" to carry a headlamp just in case the one electrical line goes out again, you are in the jungle.
- ◆ If you don't have cellular service, the internet only works one out of every 5 days, and there is only one landline telephone in the town, you are in the jungle.
- ◆ If you keenly watch the rains and the rate of rise on the river because you know that if you don't make it across the river this week, you won't get out of the jungle for 5 months, you are a jungle missionary.
- ◆ If you have a greater fear of mosquitoes than you do of snakes or alligators or tarantulas, you know the truth about living in the jungle.



Walking alongside Peruvians

Cultural Learning Corner

It is always interesting when we try to mix a team of North American short-term missionaries with a team of Peruvians for a short-term mission effort here. There are lots of "why?" questions that there really aren't answers for. North Americans always want to know "why don't the Peruvians do anything 'on-time' - why are they always late—why isn't anything efficient?" And there isn't really an answer to that question, because it is a cultural standard here. It's just how things are. "Why don't they drink regular coffee?" "Why do they throw away the good part of the vegetable and eat the other part?" "Why don't they put toilet seats on the toilets?" And Peruvians have questions about the North Americans... "Why do they eat so many snacks?" "Why are they so concerned about time?" "Why won't they eat the cuy or the grubs or the fish eyes?" "Why do they talk so loud?" "Why did they bring so many clothes for 3 days?" And we are in the middle... we

come from the North American culture, but we have adopted a Latin American-Peruvian culture. We don't have the answers to each side's "why" questions. Sometimes, there just isn't an answer that the other culture can understand. We try to bridge the gap between the two while they come together to work for a common purpose... to bring others closer to Christ. And even though they are very different, they learn from each other and they manage to get the job done. Because in the end, none of the cultural differences really matter. What matters is that they loved well during the mission and shared their lives with others.



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Prayers: & Praises:

- ◆ Praise God for raising supporters for the Iscos Project (Kuyay Talpuy Education Center for street children)!!! Please continue to pray for the people of Iscos and our teachings and ministry there. Things are going MUCH better, but we still have a long way to go.
- ◆ Pray for our boys, Ryan and Miles. They are close to mid-term in their college semesters. Ryan has been sick for several days and has had to miss some school. Miles is a new freshman and is in a time of adjustment and culture-shock that all freshman face. Please pray for good decision-making and for protection for both of them. We look forward to seeing them at Christmas when they travel to Peru.
- ◆ Pray for Arthur Ivey and his family. The Ivey family serves with us in Peru. They have just said goodbye to their second child and taken him back to the States for college. Pray for this period of adjustment for their family and for the ministry—Joshua was a very important part of their ministry here.
- ◆ Pray for Laurie's cousin, Kyle (21 years old). Last night, he was in an accident that resulted in his truck running off the road, hitting a tree, and bursting into flames. He was able to get out of the truck, even with compound fractures in his arms, both femurs, both knees, multiple fractures in his feet, etc. Praise God for no head injuries, no burns, and no internal injuries. Praise God that Kyle is still alive, and pray for the very long recovery that he faces after today's surgeries to place plates, pins, screws, rods and replace lost blood.
- ◆ Pray for the McEuen family as they work to learn the culture and language in Peru. They joined us as full-time missionaries in Huancayo on August 17th and will spend their first year on the field as learners.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for our homeschooling efforts with



Sarah. Pray for good learning opportunities as well as good socialization with other Peruvian children.

- ◆ Praise God for his daily provision in our lives. Pray for all of the people who support us in this mission and make this a reality!
- ◆ Pray for our Peruvian team as we enter into a time of recuperation from short-term teams, a time of evaluation and reflection of the past few months, and a time of planning for the months to come.
- ◆ Pray for Darwin and Milagros and Tania, our Peruvian workers in the Kuyay Talpuy school. Pray for godly wisdom and guidance as they work to educate the children of San Juan de Iscos and share the love of Christ with the community.
- ◆ Pray for God's Word and His Light to shine in the darkness in countries all around the world. Praise God for calling and sending missionaries to share His love in every nation.



Prayers & Praises

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Mission Opportunities for 2010

This year, 2009, our Peru team hosted seven short-term mission teams with various goals and skill levels. We had teams that did construction, held Kid's Club (VBS) in different areas, worked at orphanages, led prayer walks in various places, evangelized at a local university campus, spent time at a government-run home for abandoned elderly people, led several medical missions around Peru... we even had one team come in and host several nights of worship music / Christian concerts in town. The opportunities for mission teams here are almost endless, and we would love to see you bring your willing heart and God-given skills to Peru. Next year, we already have some teams on the calendar... are you ready to serve with us??? Ideas:

Teacher Workshop Mission: We've been asked (and there is a great need) to supply teacher training and an idea exchange. Would you be interested in visiting Peruvian classrooms, learning some things about Peruvian students and teachers, and teaching them a few things from your classroom / experiences? We take care of translators. This team is forming now... let us know if you are interested.

Medical Missions: Medical missions REALLY open doors for the Gospel in remote areas of Peru. Doctors, dentists, eye care folks, nurses, EMTs, anyone with a love of health and the Gospel can be of use to a medical team here.

Vet Mission: Many people here place their animals in higher priority than their families because their animals supply food and work for the family. Without healthy animals, a family can quickly be destroyed economically. Your vet skills are very important to these people.

Children' ministries / teaching: As always, children's ministries is a great way to reach families for Christ. We have lessons and music and training and translators for you... you just have to say "yes" and come on down to serve.