



La Luz de Cristo para Perú

Volume 6 Issue 2
February 2011

When are you going to fly? | The Ducks

There once was a community of ducks. Every Sunday, the ducks would waddle out of their houses and waddle down Main Street to the church. They would waddle into the sanctuary and waddle to their proper pews. The duck choir would waddle in and take its place. Then the duck minister would come forward and open the duck Bible and read to them:

"God has given you wings! With wings you can fly! With wings you can mount up and soar like eagles. No walls can confine you! No fences can hold you! You have wings. God has given you wings and you can fly like birds!"

All the ducks were very excited and shouted, "Amen!" As the ducks left the duck sanctuary, they commented on what a wonderful sermon it was. And then they all waddled back home.

~story by Soren Kierkegaard

Part of me wants to just stop right there and let the story stand on it's own, but then again, I think maybe that is the problem…

We've been spending our time in the USA speaking to churches and individuals about the mission in Peru and the mission of the church in general. We've spoken with people who get very excited about what is going on in Peru and in the world, who say they want to be a part of it, who tell us they have been thinking about it for a long time… but then they don't take that next step. We've talked to churches who don't know what that "next step" is. We've talked to pastors who admit to not knowing what to do to get their churches motivated toward missions. We've talked to individuals who are confused as to what their next step should be or how to get involved or how to serve.



On the flip side, we've met the other extreme too. We spoke to a tiny country church with just 10 members who took the next step by pledging quite a large sum to the mission in Peru. Another church heard our story and held a budget meeting that week to add the mission into their budget. Individuals have taken their "next step" in various ways - some by reaching into their pockets, some by pledging and sponsoring the program, some by getting information on internships and short-term mission trips, and some have introduced us to other friends or churches and helped us share the story with others.

All the ducks were very excited and shouted, "Amen!" But is that enough? Is it enough to agree with the pastor, but not to respond to the message?

The response does not have to be "let's go to Peru" or "I need to support the Drums". Not at all. We are all about missions in any capacity, not just in Peru. We share our story and the story of the mission in Peru for the purpose of sharing what God is doing in the world. He is transforming lives every day. And He is doing it through relationships and through people who reach out and love others. Hopefully, that story speaks to everyone who hears it! And hopefully, people will go out and serve others in whatever way God asks them to. That might mean that they support the ministry in Peru and reach out to those 3000 miles away. That might mean that they actually get on a plane and come serve in Peru. Or it might mean that they go home and take lunch to a sick friend or an elderly neighbor. Or it might mean tutoring a struggling student or helping repair someone's porch. As long as it means reaching out and loving someone and building relationships, then that's a great thing! You have wings. God gave them to you. When are you going to fly?

Make Today Count
Did today matter???



I was reading and doing my devotional and quiet time recently and read the phrase “Make today count.” At the time, that really caught me and made me think about my day and the days that had just passed… had I “made them count?” What is it that makes a day “count” or matter? Was it the number of tasks that I accomplished in a day? Was it the amount of time I spent busily working on something? Was it the number of appointments that I had lined up? On my day off when I stayed in the house and read my book and wrote in my journal, did that day count? And the day that we spent doing laundry and making a puzzle with my grandmother, did that day count?

Most of the time when I ponder something for very long and I really begin to look at something during my devotional time, God shows me the answer through His eyes. On this particular subject, He told me to remember the Great Commandment… Love the Lord your God, and Love others. He reminded me that it was all about relationships - relationship with Him and relationship with others. So in order to “make today count”, I need to build and foster relationship with Him and with other people. God is not so interested in our business, nor in our busy-ness. He’s much more interested in having a relationship with us. And He’s equally as interested in the time we spend with others.

So I challenge you to Make Today Count… spend time with Him. Spend time with someone else. Read a book to a child, or sit with a friend, or call a relative for a chat. Write a letter, have coffee with someone you haven’t seen in awhile or go to a bible study. Whatever you do, make it “count”. Relationship with Him and with others is the key.

From Perú to a church near you —
The Drums speaking engagement calendar

We are still back “home” in the USA for our furlough/homeland ministry assignment. We will be in the USA for 1 more month, spending time with family & friends, reconnecting with churches and supporters, and sharing the news from the field. We would love to see you and share about the work in Peru! Call us at 979-985-5268 to set up a coffee date, lunch or dinner date, etc, or you can catch up with us at any of our remaining speaking engagements:

February 2 - First Presbyterian Church; Navasota, Texas. Family Life Center (Wednesday Fellowship Supper 6 p.m.): Mission presentation, Q&A session, photos, videos, fellowship.
February 5-6 - Halltown, Missouri. Men’s Bible Study and Breakfast (Saturday), Grace Church Mission Dinner and presentation (Saturday night), Halltown Baptist Church (Sun. a.m.)
February 9 - Brazos Christian School; Bryan, Texas. (1:30)
February 13 - Christ UMC; College Station, Texas. Sanctuary / The River worship service (9:30 a.m.)
February 15 - COMBINED FELLOWSHIP of First UMC Millican, Texas and First Baptist Church Millican, Texas. Millican Community Center (6:30 p.m.) Full mission presentation.
February 20 - Christ UMC; College Station, Texas. Sanctuary / worship service presentations (8 a.m. & 11 a.m.) Fellowship Hall (9:30 a.m.): Mission presentation, Q&A session, photos, videos, fellowship.
February 27 - First United Methodist Church; Bryan, Texas. Fellowship Hall (9:30 a.m.): Mission presentation, Q&A session, photos, videos, fellowship.
February 28 - return to Peru!

IN OUR ABSENCE...

THE MISSION CONTINUES!!! KUYAY TALPUY STAFF AND MISSION SOCIETY MISSIONARIES CONTINUE THE WORK...

We may be "home" in Texas right now, but that DOES NOT mean that work comes to a halt in Peru! We are happy to report that the mission continues!

- The Kuyay Talpuy teachers and staff called last week to report that we have 130+ children participating in enrichment and tutoring activities during our "summer school" months. The teachers are offering art classes, English classes, sports, reading and math tutoring, and bible studies. There are also some youth who are now coming to the center and plans for a youth program are in progress!
- The Iveys (Mission Society missionaries) report that the discipleship classes and prayer meetings are going strong.
- Plans are underway and groundwork is being laid for the many short-term teams that will come to Peru in 2011.
- The Mission Society will be holding their major training event for new missionaries in Peru this year! Our team in Huancayo (The Iveys, The McEuens, and The Drums) is working on the logistics and plans that will make this training event in July possible.
- The McEuen Family (Mission Society missionaries) opened the first children's library in Huancayo in November!!! They report that they are literally swamped every day with children who wish to read good children's literature and learn. At last report, they are looking for a second location and hope to soon be able to serve more children!
- In direct result to an article in this newsletter last month, a church in the USA (Christ UMC, College Station, Texas) has responded to the wish for swings. Their youth group will be sending a team to Peru in August to help locals build three playgrounds in the three Kuyay Talpuy communities! As we speak, plans are being made in Peru and in the USA as to design, materials, and shared investment / labor for the project!

The Drums | HOW TO CONTACT US

MAILING ADDRESS: LAURIE & BILLY DRUM...JR. SAN JOSE 278…URB. SAN CARLOS...HUANCAYO, PERU
TELEPHONE: 979.985.5268 (TEXAS PHONE NUMBER)
EMAIL: BILLY@DRUMSFORCHRIST.ORG OR LAURIE@DRUMSFORCHRIST.ORG

NEWSLETTER: VISIT THE WEBSITE AT WWW.DRUMSFORCHRIST.ORG AND CLICK "NEWSLETTERS"
SUPPORT US: USE THE FORM ABOVE, OR GO TO http://www.themissionsociety.org/people/drum

DEAR BILLY AND LAURIE,

☐ I will pray for you. Please send me your newsletter by e-mail: _____

☐ As God provides, I plan to partner with you by giving $ _____ Per month / quarter / year for _____ years.

☐ I would like to donate a one-time gift of $ _____

☐ I would like to sponsor a child's education for $30/mo. ($360/year). (Please write Special Project on your check)

Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____
Address _____
City_____ State_____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Home Church _____
Email Address: _____

TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFTS MAY BE SENT TO:
The Mission Society
PO Box 922637
Norcross, GA 30010-2637 USA
DESIGNATE GIFTS: "DRUM—0321SUP"



Praises for the enrichment programs being implemented by the Kuyay Talpuy staff in Peru right now! They are currently serving 130+ students through tutoring and enrichment classes during our "summer school" months.

Prayers for the disciple projects, bible studies and church services in Iscos, Patarcocha and Tinyari. Pray for our Peruvian missionaries as they work to teach the Bible and to usher new believers into relationships with others.

Pray for our teachers as they strive to teach and help people to apply Godly principles in their lives.

Pray for us as we work to share the mission in Peru through our speaking engagements and our time here in the USA. **Pray** for the people who hear the story of the mission and of God's work… may they answer the call to help and to partner with us via prayer and financial support. **Pray** that more doors open and people are mobilized to serve and give to missions. **Pray** for the church body in the USA to grow and serve those beyond their walls and follow the Great Commandment & Great Commission.

Pray for our Peruvian workers as they pull extra work duties while we are in The States. Pray for strength and wisdom for them as they serve the people of Peru. Pray that they grow and flourish as a team.

When in the USA, we miss...

- Our friends and family in Peru
- Our students in the Kuyay Talpuy program
- Our constant companions—Charlotte the dog and Oreo the cat
- Peruvian food!!!
- All fresh foods… straight out of the field, nothing processed
- Walking everywhere
- Hiking and picnics on the weekends
- Teaching our classes
- The Peruvian greeting—hugs and kisses for everyone, all day!
- Watching the sunrise in the Andes mountains each morning
- Calmness of Peruvian life, peacefulness, slower pace

When in Peru, we miss...

- Our friends and family in the USA
- Our boys - Ryan and Miles :(
- Worshiping and studying in English with our home church
- Mexican food!!!
- Ease of transportation
- Museums, symphonies, ballets, sporting events...
- Educational opportunities for ourselves and for Sarah
- Spontaneous barbeques and gatherings of friends
- Watching the sunset in a big Texas sky
- Listening to frogs and cicadas at night
- Good Texas rainstorms

We miss pieces and parts of both cultures. Our hearts will forever be in two places at once… we have a heart for the USA and we have a heart for Peru. And in that way, we are no longer fully North American, nor will we ever be fully Peruvian… but we will always be part of the family of God. Our lives and our hearts will forever be connected to Him and to the people of His heart and His world.

SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH THE PEOPLE OF PERU.

WWW.DRUMSFORCHRIST.ORG | 979.985.5268

Laurie & Billy Drum

3907 Old Oaks Bryan, Texas 77802 USA

E-mail: billy@drumsforchrist.org
laurie@drumsforchrist.org

PRESRT STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
BRYAN TX
PERMIT #102

The Mission Society