



La Luz de Cristo para Perú

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Is there a recipe or formula?

Have you ever listened to the stories of other people? Of how they came to be believers in Christ, or who helped them on that path? It is always so amazing to me to hear these stories and how God works in each life...

Every day, our team in the Kuyay Talpu program works to build deeper relationships within the communities we serve. We go out and visit with people in the communities. Sometimes we meet them in the street and chat, sometimes we sit and watch sheep with them and talk, sometimes we go to the fields to help them harvest or work, and sometimes we share a meal together with people. Last week, we helped someone harvest corn and beans and played with their kids in a field. Today, we sat on a hillside overlooking the valley with a group of moms to talk about crochet and sewing. It's different every day. But we never thought that the cemetery would be where we would see people come to Christ...

One day, Darwin and Johana were visiting in the community and three ladies came by herding their sheep. The ladies asked if Johana and Darwin had time to chat today, to which our teammates said, "of course!" So the ladies said, "Come with us to the cemetery. We are going to graze our sheep in there today because the grass has gotten very high. We have lunch with us. Come in and sit with us and eat and we can talk."

So Johana and Darwin followed them to the cemetery to share a picnic and talk about anything and everything, which eventually led to them sharing stories about Christ. The three listened intently and asked questions. They heard many stories about Christ. And, in the end, they said that they wanted to know more and they wanted Christ in their lives.

So, they entered into the cemetery, spent the afternoon

among the dead (both spiritually and literally), and they left the cemetery with New Life! Amazing!!!

They came back the next day to learn more, and to give of their harvest of potatoes to their new brother and sisters in Christ - they gave giant red potatoes to each person on our team.

Another day, Flor came to the team and asked, "Hermanas, why haven't you ever shared Christ with me? Why have you told everyone else, but not me? Tell me how to be a Christian!" The team was a little shocked, since Flor is with them every day. She is always around, always helping, and has become their friend. They sew together, they laugh and tell jokes... how is it possible that we haven't ever shared Christ with Flor?! I guess because we just assumed... we assumed that she knew, we assumed that she is always around and she already was a believer. We had let her down and here she was telling us about it and demanding to be told! So they told her. The girls shared Christ with her and Flor became a believer that day.

So... Is there a recipe or a formula for how people come to Christ? Is there a method? Not really... we just spend time with people and build relationships with them. We just "do life together", and in the process, we share. Sometimes, it's in a house, in the kitchen, in a field, in the street, in the school... or in the cemetery. For me personally, it was in a swimming pool with my friend, Cindy. And sometimes, we forget to share with those closest to us - we assume they already know!

Who can you share with today? Who do you "do life with" who is waiting to hear The Good News and have their life changed?

Staff Development in the jungle

The joys of watching change

We recently hosted the second annual staff development retreat for the Kuyay Talpuy teachers/staff. This year, at the teacher's request, we traveled out of the high sierra and down into the Peruvian jungle. All of our teachers are from the sierra - they have lived their lives at 10,500 ft. in the middle of the Andes - so a trip to the jungle was very exciting. Even though it is only 4 hours from "home", three of the five hadn't ever seen the jungle, and the other two had only been there once.



We spent 3 nights and 3 days teaching and learning together. Part of our time was spent training our staff on more CHE (Community Health Evangelism) techniques and how to better meet the needs in the communities we serve. The other part of our time was spent sharing education ideas and teaching strategies so that we can better meet the needs of our students in our programs. Our evenings were spent in planning together, watching videos of transformation in other communities around the world, and discussing our mission in the communities of Iscos, Patarcocha, and Tinyari.

On our last day, we took the group on a hike to a nearby waterfall. It was so fun to watch their expressions as they hiked through the jungle, amid giant tree ferns and orchids, Blue Morpho butterflies all around us, and the river running beside the trail. When we finally arrived at the waterfall, one of the teachers began to cry and said, "I dreamed about this one time, but I just thought that it was a dream. I didn't know that it was something God had planned for me. In my dream, He told me that I was His child and He had special things for me. But really, I just thought it was a dream. But here I am - I can't believe it!"

As with any new teaching or training, you plant the seeds and you give them the tools and you hope that something comes of it. We weren't sure how it would go... frankly, I was a little depressed because I was afraid that the training hadn't really taken root and we weren't going to see anything come from the CHE workshop... But, last night and today have proven me wrong!

Last night, Milagros came to the house to ask for more lessons and more information on the CHE techniques. She had a plan for how to use them and teach different people in the community. She sat at the computer for a long time, researching lessons and downloading the ones she will use in the coming weeks. And this morning, when we went out to Patarcocha, we arrived to find a group of mothers sitting with Darwin and Johana discussing a lesson on nutrition and making a plan to meet and have lessons each week! And yet another group wants to work on the CHE microenterprise model to improve their ability to sell their knitted sweaters and ponchos. Very exciting changes occurring in Kuyay Talpuy!!!

Special thanks to the supporters who make it possible for us to have times of training and retreat with our teachers! Special thanks to Pascual Yacovodonato for providing teaching videos and training materials for our education workshops. Special thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Fleming for originally coming to Peru to train us in CHE and to Dr. Bibiana MacLeod for coming to hold a special time of CHE training reinforcement and encouragement this week.

Mission Trip to the Peruvian Jungle

August 19-28, 2011



Miguel and Haydee Trigoza are Peruvian mission pastors to several native Ashaninka villages in the Peruvian jungle. They have requested help for the people they serve.



A mission team is now being organized to help in three of these Ashaninka villages. We would like to offer medical assistance (in the form of medical attention via doctors AND health education), as well as assist Miguel and Haydee with their ministry to children and families in the area. We need doctors, nurses, EMTs, teachers, and anyone interested in serving and helping... you DO NOT need mission experience or

Spanish language skills. We will provide translators for you.

This team needs YOU!

Please contact Laurie & Billy Drum (979-985-5268 USA) or Dan Ross, mission team leader (417-466-7283 or 417-366-2795) ASAP to sign up or to get more info. **Hurry!!!** This team will finalize their team roster very soon in order to make travel arrangements!!!



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Prayers & Praises

Praises for continued transformation! We are so excited by how much the communities and people are changing due to the relationships being built in the Kuyay programs.

Pray for the continued implementation of CHE and for the ministry initiatives that the team is using to build up these communities.

Pray for the runoff elections in Peru. Peruvians will vote again in early June to determine the president.

Prayers for the Kuyay Talpuy programs in Iscos, Patarcocha and Tinayari. Pray for the families, students, and the communities as they learn and grow in Christ.

Pray for our Mission Society Peru team (the Ivey family, the McEuen family, the Drum family, the Reeves family) as we work to minister to the people of Peru. **Pray** for Katie Dean as she prepares to join us as a mission intern this month! **Pray** for the McEuen family as they mourn the death of Ash's father.

Pray for our boys (Ryan and Miles) as they live 3000 miles away from us. **Pray for Ryan** as he goes out to do Field Biology work in May in Texas and on the border, and as he travels to Panama to study and do biology/herpetology research in June-August.

Pray for continued growth in our Kuyay Talpuy team... the team is going deeper every day and growing stronger in their faith and in their discipling abilities. Pray for strength and guidance and unity for them as they work to share Christ's love in Peru.

Kuyay Talpuy Daily Schedule:

9am-1pm Mon.-Fri. M, T, Th, F Wed. 9-12	Children's school program in Iscos & Patarcocha (Tania, Milagros, Rocio) community visits, CHE lessons, home bible studies (Johana, Darwin) Tinyari Kid's Club/bible study in Tinyari public school (Darwin, Rocio, Johana)
1pm-2:30	Lunch / planning (full team)
2:30-5pm Mon.-Thurs. Friday 2:30-4:30 Friday 5-7pm	Youth Group / Tutoring (full team) Team bible study, prayer for community, planning for next week Family Workshop & Bible Study
Sunday 3:30-5:30	Kid's Club Patarcocha and Adult Church Patarcocha (Rocio, Darwin, Jackie)



Busy times! Calendar of upcoming special events...

- April 28-May 1 Kuyay Talpuy Staff retreat and training
May 2 Planning trip to Shankivironi (jungle medical trip)
May 6-9 Mission Discovery vision trip—visit Kuyay program
May 11 Kuyay Talpuy leads Tinyari community Mother's Day celebration
May 12-15 Dr. Bibiana MacLeod helps with CHE follow up and training
May 15-23 University of Georgia Wesley Foundation mission team
May 27 Mission intern Katie Dean arrives (May 27-Aug 7)

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