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THE MISSION TRIP THAT ALMOST WASN'T

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We prepared for this trip to serve with veteran missionaries to Lima, Peru, Steve and Kelley Frerichs, since early November. I spent at least 40 hours in preparation. As part of our preparation, we skimmed the book, "On Being A Servant," by Warren Wiersbe. One quote that stood and was adopted as part of our devotional booklet was, "If we can explain it, God didn't do it." There's a lot about this adventure we can't explain. It could've easily never happened.

Seven of us prepared together, but one young lady's passport did not arrive in time, so unfortunately, she could not go. We also had another team member who was very ill and was told by her doctor not to go. Her fever broke at midnight just before our departure. So the six of us comprising Peru Crew II, arrived at Spokane International Airport at 4:30 a.m. ready to go. Kirk Pranter met us to send us off with a word of prayer; we then proceeded to get our boarding passes. Little did we expect that there would be yet another passport issue. As I scanned **MY** passport, I realized I had my old, **EXPIRED** copy. If you notice the pictures above, you will see the one on the right has holes punched in it, indicating it is **EXPIRED**.



My first thought and words were. "I can't go." I can't explain the numbness (that's uncannily close to dumbness in spelling) that flooded my heart and mind. My luggage was gone and headed to Peru. All the preparation was a waste. How could I have been so careless? Then one of the team members said, "If you can't go, we can't go." Lord, what were we to do? Diane had dropped me off, so I phoned her at home on the slim chance that my valid passport was filed where it should be. She found it within two minutes. I phoned Kirk to see if he could pick up my passport and get it out to us before the plane departed. The Lord also provided a super helpful Delta ticket agent, a Russian believer, who suggested taking a picture of my passport information and emailing it to get my boarding passes. Kirk did just that allowing us to get the boarding process completed ahead of his arrival with my passport. The Delta agent then was able to get me past the long TSA line and meet up with our team. We were seated on the plane with six minutes to spare before the doors were closed.

That's the way our adventure began. "If we can explain it, God didn't do it." We arrived in Lima around midnight and were settled in our housing by 2:30 a.m. We learned that we had an 8:00 a.m. program planned. We needed to be ready to leave by 7:15 a.m. Most of the original itinerary changed, so we simply went with what God set before us. Pictured here is the first group where we presented the Gospel through colors, our version of the Wordless Book:

BROWN—DUST / God created man from the dust of the ground; there is a GOD and he formed us in His image; BLACK— SIN/ Everyone is sinful and needs a Savior; RED— THE BLOOD OF JESUS / Jesus died and rose again to save us; WHITE— RIGHTEOUSNESS, PURITY / It is only the blood of Jesus that makes a heart clean; GOLD—HEAVEN / We are guaranteed Heaven knowing Jesus as Savior; GREEN—CHRISTIAN GROWTH / Reading God's Word, learning to pray, attending a Bible-preaching church and choosing godly friends to help us become more like Jesus.





Pastor Juan-Carlos, his wife Betty and son, serving at a church near Canjete

“Senor ORO” was a BIG hit as a reminder of HEAVEN.

“Senora ROJO” helped present the importance of the blood of JESUS.



We spoke to over 1,000 children, teens and adults in thirteen different settings, working along side Steve and local pastors who will provide follow-up ministry as well. Some of the local ministries are amazingly ambitious and designed to reach a people who tend to be deeply religious, but who do not know Jesus. Many of them are bound into a system of fear and duty. We also assisted in a number of work projects which involved several churches with cleaning, painting and some minor landscaping. We also helped the Frerichs with a few home projects. We stayed busy. This was a very rewarding and meaningful trip that we trust will reap eternal fruit. Thank you for encouraging us in serving others.

Thoughts from Diane . . . CAPTIVATED

I loved everything about San Francisco. Most of all I loved the last two years when we were able to live by the ocean. I could look out the patio doors and enjoy that view any time I wanted to take the moment away from life. Then I could step out and smell the ocean as I gazed across the expanse. There was no end to it from where I stood and I could forget all the noise of the world. Not everything was perfect about the city but it will always be my favorite place to call home.

There was an imperfection I can't forget. That particular day, George and I had a reason to visit a local radio station. I have no idea why we were there, not even a slight memory. As I was standing and waiting I noticed what seemed to be the walls moving. It was a slow wavy type motion and I was so captivated that I stayed glued to the spot. I couldn't figure out why the walls would move like that. There was no fear just curiosity within that moment. Time stood still but not for long. I suddenly came out of that stupor and realized it was an earthquake! It was time to move before being trapped.

I've been reading through the Old Testament again and it is an amazing journey. What I continue to recognize is that a pattern develops throughout the lives of God's people, Israel. In Psalm 78:8-13 the author shows us this progression. Previous to these verses the Psalmist entreats the people to "put their trust in God . . ." and to not forget His deeds and keep His commands. Then comes the downward path. They would become stubborn, rebellious. They "turned back . . . they did not keep . . . refused to live . . . forgot." They became captivated by sin. It didn't happen right away but over time. I imagine that at first they thought that what they were seeing wasn't that bad but over time they dove into the depths of the worst kind of behaviors. Time progressed and they were trapped. Unable and unwilling to keep God in their thoughts.

God's ways are not always easy. I have lived long enough to come to understand the meaning of the word trial. Psalm 77:19 "Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen." God was with His people. He never forgot them. Though they were captivated by temptations and even succumbed to the worst of their choices, God was there. He didn't forget them as they so many times had forgotten Him.

We face the same kinds of temptations and choices. When we think He doesn't care and won't call us to account, He is there. Don't become captivated by anything the world offers. Move back on to the path God has for you.

II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane



PLEASE PRAY WITH US

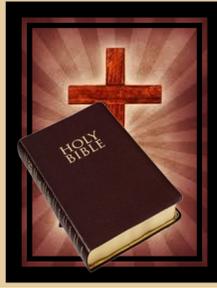
- ✓ Our friends, John and Cinda McCain, are facing some serious challenges. John and Cinda moved back to Missouri to help take care of John's sister and parents. John's sister passed away a few months ago. John was working in his garden last week, felt sore and weak. Cinda made him seek medical care. He was having a heart attack. He just had heart bypass surgery. He is home and recovering well. Pray that continues.
- ✓ Pray for our friend in ministry, Jerry Sponseller. His wife, Betty went home to be with the Lord. Jerry has resigned as pastor at Opportunity Baptist here in Spokane Valley. In addition, he is facing some personal health challenges as well. He needs the peace of God to flood his life.
- ✓ Please continue to pray for Diane's health. She is on more antibiotics and is fighting two different infections. She has only a month and a half left to drive school bus.



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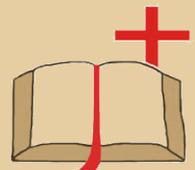
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Yes, this is just my luggage. I have never been accused of traveling lite. My excuse is that I had to pack for Fernando, Koko and friends. They need all their stuff too. The things we took to Peru helped us plant seeds that will bring an eternal harvest. Are you investing in eternity?

Where We’ve Been, What We’ve Been Up to & Where We’re Headed Next . . .

February 26—New Hope Bible Church / Prime Timers Peru Update
February 27—ESM Board Meeting
March 27—Mending Fences Fellowship / Easter Celebration Outreach Block Party, Spokane Valley, WA
March 31-April 14—Mission Trip to Peru
April 23—PAL Workshop, Valley Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA
April 24—New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley
April 25/May 16—Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA / Leadership Meeting
May 3- AWANA Club—New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA
June 4—ESM Board Meeting
July 10-15—Pinecroft Bible Camp / Jr High



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