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***"Therefore, as it is written: 'Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.'
1 Corinthians 1:31 NIV***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We praise the Lord Jesus for having so wonderfully blessed us and for having sent his Holy Spirit to guide and teach us. We hope and pray that He has been blessing you wonderfully and that your life has been filled with His grace. Thank you for your continued prayers for us and support of the ministry here in Peru. We definitely see the results of you praying for us. You are special people called by our Lord Jesus Christ to minister to His children. Thank you for your faithfulness to His calling. Thank you for your love for Him, for us, and for His children.

January has been an interesting month. The two Kid's Clubs have continued to grow. We had a drop in attendance from the Christmas crowd, but our long term average has continued to grow. The number of adults attending has grown, also, and more men are attending. We are planning to start another Kid's Club in El Tambo in March and will be splitting our teaching team to accomplish this. Please pray for additional teachers to be trained and for Mary Alice as she begins preparing training for these new teachers. Mary Alice is also trying to develop prayer support for the children in the local churches here, but also would like your help. If you wish to participate in this ministry of prayer, please let us know and we will send you, via e-mail a group photograph of one of the small groups and the names of the teacher and children, so that you can pray for them by name. The number of young people from the Methodist Church in El Tambo helping to lead these ministries has grown, also. Both you and we have been praying that the Lord will continue adding to the number of the team and specifically for strong young Christian men to help because their influence among the boys that come is much needed. He has been answering our prayers. He has increased the number on the teaching team from six to twelve, and four of these are young men. We still need more teachers. Please pray for those that are helping us now: Pilar, Charo, Brita, Techí, Tanya, Betsabe, Susan, Julima, Genaro, Josue, Jesus, and Iban.



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Fellowship team members performing a drama in the town square at Ahuac.

We had some short term help with our Kid's Club from a mission team from Wesleyan Fellowship in Marietta, Georgia. They helped with the Kid's Club both in San Carlos and Ahuac and put on a four-day Bible School in Ahuac. The Lord worked miracles during this week controlling the weather and other circumstances surrounding these events. We are in the middle of the rainy season and all of our activities are usually outdoors, because we do not have a building to meet in. On Saturday during the Kid's Club at San Carlos it began to rain. We have never been able to use the local high school before, but that day they let us in and we were able to continue with the activities. We started all of the Bible schools in Ahuac in the town square. It was a miracle that the government officials allowed this, but the greater miracle was that they opened the local public school building to us to use, also. Rain threaten all week and occurred numerous times, but never interfered with the Bible school time. We had numerous children ask Jesus Christ into their hearts as Lord and Savior. Our work with the children is important as this is the only way to bring about positive lasting change. It is a long term proposal, but the only way we see to really have a lasting impact.



Children watching the team's presentation of the Gospel message.

Arthur spent much of the month working on the church building in Ahuac. The designs were finished and the work was started to remove the failing roof, repair and raise the existing walls, and purchase materials for the new roof. He also finished the preliminary designs for a garage for the mobile medical unit so the District Assembly could make a decision on what to do. The short term team from Wesleyan Fellowship provided the funding for the Ahuac project and the labor to construct and erect the roof structure. This is a major blessing for us, because now there is a place to meet with the children when it is raining. The space is still too small for all of the children, but is a major improvement. We give thanks to God for the assistance from Wesleyan Fellowship.



Erecting the roof structure in Ahuac

Arthur has also been teaching a youth discipleship group on Wednesday nights that has been growing. In our last gathering we had 17 young people. The young people have been responding well to these times of teaching and spiritual growth and have been bringing others with them. We have been concentrating on the call to evangelize and disciple others. We hope that this group will be a basis for expanding the work with youth and the Kid's Clubs.

Thanks to one of our supporters, Jim Davis from Dalton First United Methodist Church in Dalton, Georgia, we now have a web site to help keep you up to date. It is not yet complete, because he is still waiting for us to send him some of the information, but a lot is available. Please take a few minutes to visit it at www.iveymission.org.

Again we want to thank you for all your support and prayers. Please continue to pray for our adjustment to the new culture and that we will boldly speak God's Word wherever we go. Pray that God will raise up Godly leaders for the church here. We pray that God is drawing you closer and closer to Him every day.

God bless you. We love you.
Yours in Christ,

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