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On a recent trip to Peru, I was reminded of the incredible majesty of the mountains. On our drive out to Cachora to visit the orphanage,

we climbed over two passes that were both over 12,000 feet. We saw mountains and



valleys with rivers and sheer rock faces. The temperature went from cool to very warm and then back to cool again in less than an hour. All along the roads of these majestic mountains are villages and

communities full of people. Families that make up multiple generations are scattered beside this roadway in the shadow of these majestic mountains. The overwhelming reminder is the majesty and power of the Creator who placed these hills and valleys into their place. Still, many of the people in the shadow do not even really see the mountain.

Yes, these mountains are hard tombs and pose a formidable obstacle for everyone who travels. However, in the small mud-wall houses of these rural farming villages, the people are focused on the daily necessity of food, water, and shelter. The mountain in the distance plays no major role in their daily lives. Many of them will never traverse over them to another village or part of the country. These are the people Jesus calls us to go to and share with. Each of us is born into a cultured location on this planet -



some in places of easy living conditions and above average wealth. Many live in

difficult places with economic struggles. Even in these low places, the Lord shines brightly. The truth of the Gospel has the

power to change the perspective of so many people in these villages and communities.



This is where you come into the story! Psalm 67 teaches us that we all seek after God's

blessings, grace, and His smile over our lives. Some of us have been granted the blessings of resources above our necessities. This is what Psalm 67 addresses. We ask for His blessings so that His ways can be made known and His salvation can be shared to every nation. This once drove the contemporary American church so much that we saw sacrificial giving toward the spread of the Gospel in unprecedented numbers. Then COVID hit us all and much of the resources and support for the spread of the Truth started to trickle. Even though this is happening, the people in the shadow of the mountain remain desperate for the truth to be shared with them. This past week I was reminded that my job is to take the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. I will empty my pockets doing this as the Lords leads and calls. It is time to step back into the field with our time and our resources for the sake of those who have not yet heard and for the glory of God the Creator of the whole world.



As we pray for the villages in the shadow of the mountains of Peru, will you join us in actively taking the Gospel to them? Will you PRAY for the truth to be shared with the families in those valleys and hillside communities? Will you GIVE so believers can walk the pathways to their homes and boldly proclaim the truth of His Word in their presence? Will you GO with us as we seek to carry the Gospel all the way to the ends of the earth? Join us as we REACH our world and TEACH His Word in obedience to His command with our passion for the people in the shadow of the mountains!



There are some mission trips that I will remember fondly forever. This last trip to Peru was one of those trips. Why? From my personal experiences, three factors come to mind: prayer, preparation, and surrender.



First, this trip was bathed, marinated, and soaked in prayer from the start. Our amazing student ministry team from The Church at Brook Hills chose this trip for junior and senior students. The parents and students selected to go to Peru consistently prayed for God to go before us, with us, and after us. The Lord showed up in powerful and tangible ways as we saw Him work.

Second, preparation was key. The students went through training that prepared them for what to expect, how to be flexible, and how to share the Gospel effectively. Students practiced sharing active and conversion testimonies repeatedly. As at's we sat on various planes, we loved hearing them start up conversations with strangers for the sake of the Gospel.



Surrender...that's a simple word but a very difficult process. Every day, we each had to surrender our own desires, plans, and hopes so that whatever the Lord gave us would be the focus and priority. Students stepped up to lead when needed and chose to follow when that was needed as well. Choosing to magnify the Lord daily over selfish ambition became second nature.

The Lord was so gracious to us all on this trip, and my heart is still exploding with joy and gratitude for all that He did. The students were truly the A-team of mission trip participants, and we adore each one of them. The Lord is going to do big things through these amazing students who are sold out to Him for His glory alone.



Come to Peru with us - we would love to have you join us next time!

2023 Mission Trips

April 21-29	Slovenia	Kids' Club/Church Plant Support	OPEN
May 27 - June 3	Guatemala	Community Outreach/Food Dist.	OPEN
July 8 - 15	Guatemala	Community Outreach/Food Dist.	OPEN
July 15-22	Guatemala	Community Outreach/Food Dist.	OPEN

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