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Peru Trip

A team consisting of John and Rachel Carr, David Krogh, and Doug Todd recently traveled to Lima, Peru to visit the work in Lima and Ventenilla.

Rachel did a great job with translating. Doug is fluent in Spanish and connected very well with the people.

We were very encouraged by the commitment of the leadership and the effectiveness of their ministry. The church in Lima continues to add new attenders and members. We met a man who lives two doors from the church who is a skilled carpenter who moved to Lima about a year ago from Venezuela. He has been attending the church regularly and was baptized several months ago. He invited us to his house for refreshments. He has made a drawing of a small, low stage that he plans to build in the front of the church.



Pictured l to r: Rachel and John Carr, Maria Mercedes beside her mother Maria Ucanay, Pastor Gaston, and Doug Todd



We traveled to Ventenilla, a village 38 kilometers north of Lima where two families from the Lima congregation live. They have been having a Bible study there for a couple of years. They served a meal to us and then others came in for the Bible study, testimonies, and prayer time.

One of the most encouraging things from our visit is that the leadership of the church gave me a contribution to the General Conference to help with mission work in other parts of the world. They want to see

the Gospel shared with many others and they wanted to show their support in this tangible way. This was a sacrificial gift since the members in Lima are from a lower economic level of society. Many are unemployed or underemployed and they struggle to meet the financial needs of the church.

We also were pleased to see that some improvements have been made to the church building and they are gradually gathering supplies as they can afford them, to make further improvements.



The leadership is making good use of the 29 lesson Systematic Theology Bible Study course that was translated into

Spanish some years ago. Some individuals are studying the lessons, and the lessons are also serving as the basis for a midweek Bible class.



We spent about 4 hours talking with Gaston, Maria, and Joaquin about the work of the church. We discussed many aspects of church work and answered questions they had about specific church issues. Rachel and I will follow up to provide additional information to them, especially on leadership and church organization. John Carr has written

a book on the work of elders and deacons in the church. Rachel will translate sections of this book to send to them.

Things seem to be stable in the church and the leaders are working together in unity.



We discussed plans for Victor and Jodi Werhanowicz to visit Peru next summer to introduce the Victorious Christian Living seminar. The leaders are all looking forward to their visit and the benefits of this course. —David Krogh

Haiti Building

Plan are being made to send a team to Haiti in February or March to construct another building. We are looking for skilled carpenters/construction people to serve on the team. If you are interested in securing more information or if you are able to serve, please contact Judy Myers at jmlhi@aol.com.

Fund are also needed for this project. About \$8,000 is on hand but an additional \$14,000 is needed in the next couple of months to buy the building materials. Assistance with this need will be greatly appreciated. Gifts should be sent to: Haiti Building Fund, Box 2950, McDonough, GA 30253.

Churches Accepted into Membership

At their meeting in Atlanta October 27-29, the Board of Directors took official action to admit mission churches that have been affiliated with the Church of God General Conference for in some cases, many years, into membership in the General Conference. There has been some confusion as to whether the Board had officially admitted work in Mexico, Peru, Malawi, Mozambique, and Tanzania into the Conference. This action brought more than 250 churches in these five countries into our association of churches!

The Board of Directors is also working on a policy to clarify the process of admission of established in churches in other countries, as well as the admission of mission groups into the Conference. The role of the Lord's Harvest Board, the Ministry Services Network of the General Conference, and the Ministerial Recognition Board will be clearly established. A committee of Dan Siderius, David Krogh, and Greg Demmitt will prepare a proposal for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

Projects

We continue to be so grateful to all who provide such generous support to our various mission fields. Here is a list of current projects that need funding:

1. Haiti—we have been sending \$2,500 per month to help feed children in orphanages as well as others in our churches who are unemployed and who have no housing. We are cutting this amount back to \$2,000 per month since the Haiti fund is being rapidly depleted.
2. The family of Pastor Rashid has asked if we can provide support until June of 2012. We have been sending \$400 per month to help with lodging in another city away from Faisalabad, the location of the murders of Pastor Rashid and his brother. The family is also having to spend funds to travel back to Faisalabad for court hearings and they must pay attorney fees. The family believes that these issues should be resolved by next summer.
3. Approximately \$14,000 is needed to help construct another building in Haiti to replace those destroyed in the earthquake in January 2010.

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