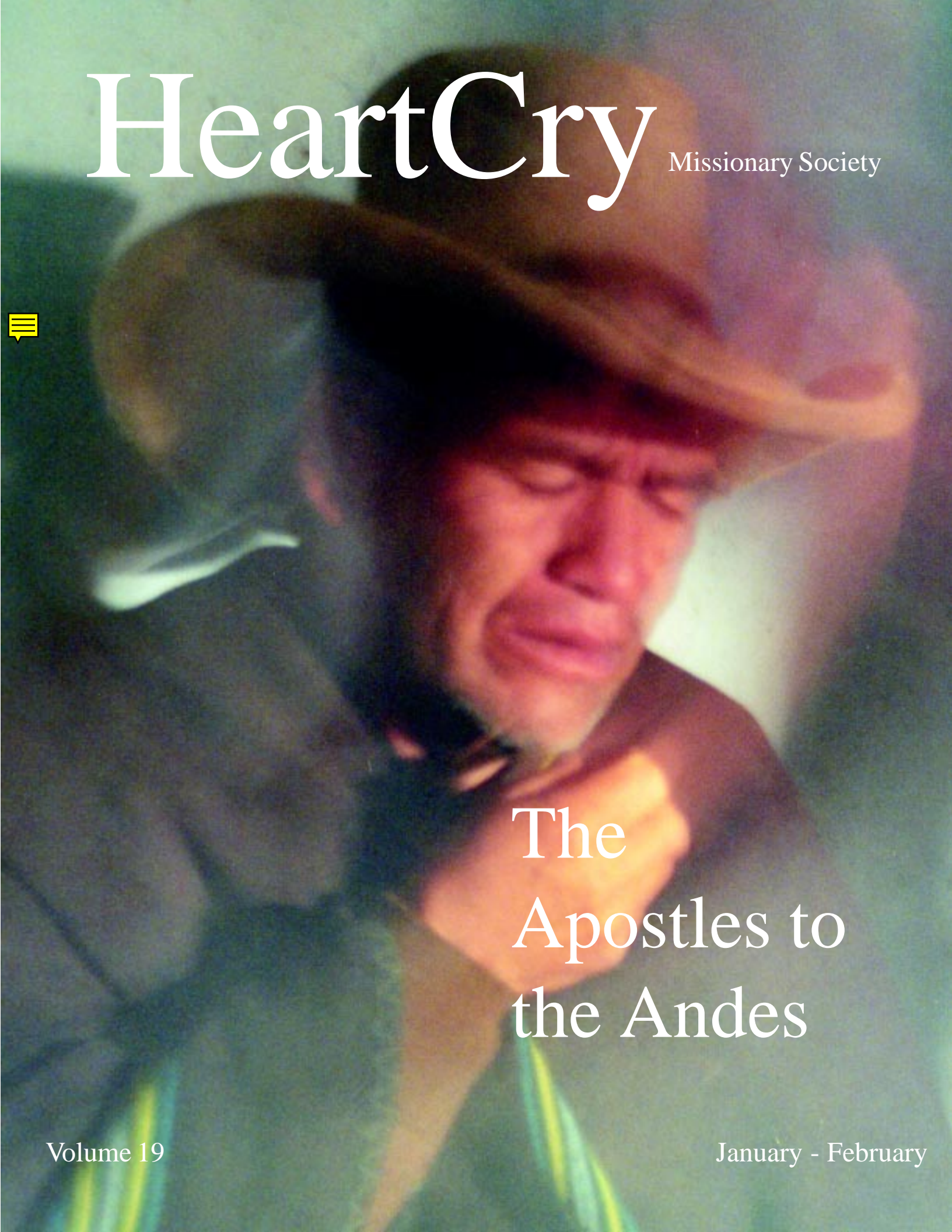


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Our Purpose & Passion: *Malachi 1:11*

“For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My Name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My Name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My Name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord of hosts.”

The chief end of all mission work is the Glory of God. Our greatest concern is that His Name be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun (Malachi 1:11). We find our great purpose and constant motivation, not in man or his needs, but in God, His commitment to His own glory and our God-given desire to see Him glorified in every nation, tribe, people and language.

Our Ministry: *III John 5-8*

“Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.”

National Missionary Support

Although HeartCry recognizes the great importance of sending missionaries from the West to the unevangelized peoples throughout the world, we believe that we are led of the Lord to support native or national missionaries so that they may evangelize their own peoples. Therefore we seek to work with godly men and women of integrity and vision in the unreached world to help them evangelize and plant Churches among their own peoples. The principles that govern this ministry are set forth in the following statements: (1) We will work in partnership and cooperation with the national churches on the mission field and their leadership. (2) We will join with the national churches and leadership in the selection of the missionaries. Our main concern in the selection of missionaries is doctrine, godliness, calling and zeal. (3) The missionary support will be based on the average national income of workers in each country. The length of support will be based on the estimated period of time deemed necessary to establish a self-supporting church.

Bible Distribution

Our Bible distribution is almost entirely limited to believers. Many believers in the foreign field do not own a Bible. We have known of congregations with only one Bible, where the pastor was required to ask permission from the church in order to carry the Bible with him during missionary journeys to other villages. Our strategy of Bible distribution is set forth in the following statements: (1) We purchase Bibles in bulk rate in order to lower the cost. (2) We buy only hard back, sewn Bibles which include both the Old and New Testaments and a concordance. Paper back Bibles with glued pages are cheaper, but will not last. (3) We sell the Bibles at a discount rate rather than giving them away for free. We take great pains to make sure that no genuine believer leaves without a Bible, but do require that something of value be given. (We have given Scripture in return for chickens, fish, grain and coffee beans).

Literature Distribution

Many pastors in foreign lands have never had the privilege of studying in a Bible institute or seminary. They are further limited by their own poverty from having an adequate library to use as a resource in studying Scripture. For this reason, HeartCry seeks to provide books and libraries to pastors and leaders in the foreign field. A pastoral library may include: a study Bible, an exhaustive concordance, a Bible dictionary, a one volume commentary on the Bible, a theological textbook or systematic theology. The cost of a pastoral library is usually less than \$150 (U.S.).

Church Construction

Many churches on the foreign field are limited in their ministry by not having an adequate meeting place, and often, the cost of renting prevents them from obtaining the necessary capital to purchase their own land and begin construction. HeartCry seeks to assist such churches by providing the funds necessary for the purchase of property and the building of a permanent structure sufficient for meetings. Land purchases and construction costs can range from \$1000 in rural areas to \$50,000 in highly populated, urban areas. To date, the largest donation given by HeartCry to a national church is \$40,000, given to the Church of the Savior in one of the most populated and least evangelized areas of Lima, Peru.

Training Conferences

HeartCry's support of missionaries throughout the world provides us with a unique open door to be involved in the training and preparation of God's people in many nations. The main focus of our conferences is the teaching of theology, hermeneutics (how to study Scripture), and expository preaching. It is our conviction that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." (II Timothy 3:16-17 NAS). Therefore the greatest service we can do for pastors, missionaries and the congregations under their care is to teach them how to correctly interpret and clearly proclaim the truths of Scripture.

Our Principles

- * While we recognize that the needs of mankind are many and his sufferings are diverse, we believe that they all spring from a common origin - the fall of man and the corruption of his own heart. Therefore, we believe that the greatest benefit to mankind can be accomplished through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the establishment of churches that preach the Word of God and minister according to its commands, precepts and wisdom.
- * Every need of this ministry will be obtained through prayer. We may share our missionary vision with others and even make known to them the specific tasks which the Lord has laid on our heart to do, but we may not raise support through prodding or manipulating our brothers and sisters in Christ. If this ministry is of the Lord then He will be our Patron. If He is with us, He will direct His people to give and we will prosper. If He is not with us, we will not and should not succeed.
- * We intend to never enlarge our field of labor by contracting debts. This is contrary to both the letter and the spirit of the New Testament. In secret prayer, God helping us, we will carry the needs of this ministry to the Lord and act according to the direction that He gives.
- * We will not compete with other biblical mission agencies, but use the resources that God has given to us to work in partnership with them. If the Lord directs, we will sacrifice our own goals and resources that other mission works may be helped and the Kingdom of God increased.
- * In meeting any need, those of us who are supported financially by this ministry will be the first to sacrifice all things necessary for the advancement of His Kingdom.
- * We will not measure the success of this ministry by the amount of money given, Bibles distributed or national missionaries supported, but by the Lord's blessing on the work.
- * Our Goal is not to enlarge ourselves, or to become a key figure in the Great Commission, but to be faithful and obedient stewards by the grace that is given to us. That men may see our weakness and glorify God for His strength; that they may see our inability and glorify God for His faithfulness.



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*Hallowed be Your Name!
Your Kingdom Come!
Your Will be Done!*

From the Director: Fellow Workers

*Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out **FOR THE SAKE OF THE NAME**, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.*

III John 5-8 (NASB)

In God's vow to His people in Malachi 1:11, we find the guiding theme of the HeartCry Missionary Society: "My Name will be great among the nations." Our great passion is that in every country and among every people group, the Name of the Most High God be valued above all things and given the praise of which He is worthy.

A task as great as this cannot be done in isolation, but requires the joint effort of like-minded Christians who burn with the same holy, God-centered passion. Such men and women can be found throughout the world. Through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, they have become new creatures bearing hearts flamed with the passion that God's Name be hallowed, that His Kingdom come and His will be done. They are modern day illustrations of III John 5-8:

THEY HAVE GONE OUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE NAME. They are exhibited as last of all, as those condemned to death. They are a spectacle to the world, both to angels and men. They are fools for Christ's sake, they are weak, they are without honor, they are both hungry and thirsty, they are poorly clothed, roughly treated and homeless. When they are reviled, they bless; when they are persecuted, they endure; when they are slandered, they



Teaching under a tarp in the Northern Andes of Peru, HeartCry director Paul Washer encourages the pastors, lay leaders and other Christians to press on towards the goal of Christlikeness and to carry the Great Commission to every mountain and valley in Peru.

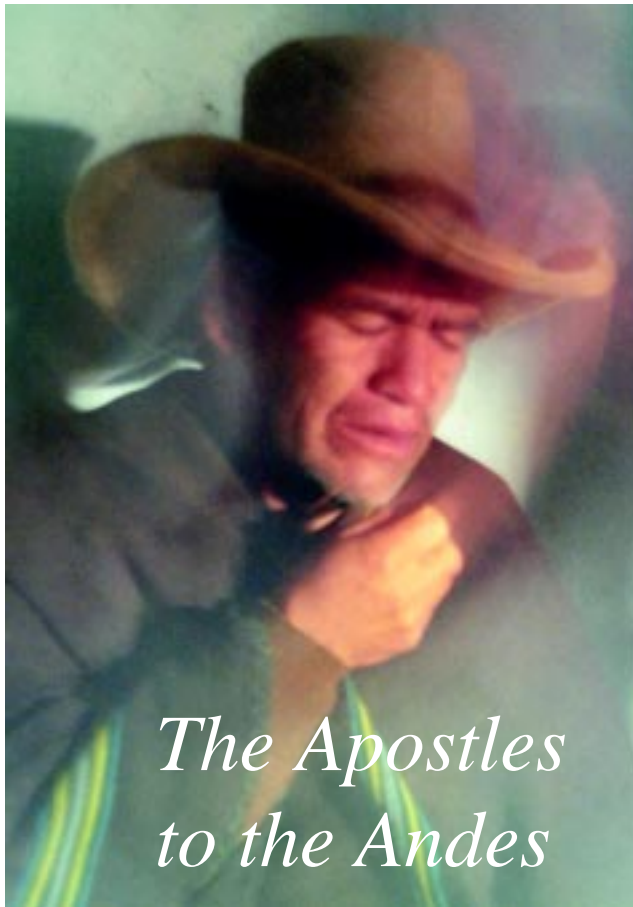
try to conciliate. They have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now. *I Corinthians 4:9-13*

THEY ACCEPT NOTHING FROM THE UNBELIEVERS. Do they not have the right to eat and drink? Do they not have the right to restrain from working with their hands? If they sow spiritual things, is it too much that they reap material things? But they do not use this right, but endure all things so that they will cause no hindrance to the Gospel of Christ. - *I Corinthians 9:4-12*

WE OUGHT TO SUPPORT SUCH MEN. We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. For whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? We should not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We are acting faithfully in whatever we accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers. We will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of the God they serve. For they went out for the sake of the Name. - *I John 3:16-18*

THAT WE MAY BE FELLOW WORKERS WITH THE TRUTH. God is doing the greatest work in the history of Christian missions. There are doors that have been opened before us, that no mission expert or strategist would

have even imagined possible ten years ago. God has knocked down walls and is moving with power throughout the world to gather for Himself a people from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation. What an opportunity awaits before us. Although we may not be called to go, we are called to support those who have gone, and in doing so, we become fellow workers with them in spreading the truth and glory of God throughout the world. What a privilege! What an indescribable gift! To be able to stand beside and behind the Peruvian brother who walks countless miles through the Andean mountain ranges to preach the Gospel to those who have never heard; the Romanian brother who is treated as an outcast as he begins a new mission in an isolated village; the Nigerian missionary who daily exposes himself and his precious family to martyrdom in order to preach the Gospel to the Muslims; the weathered missionary in Serbia whose house has been burned to the ground and has no place to lay his head; the Russian Jew who walks the streets of Jerusalem sharing the Gospel while his own people insult him and persecute him, and falsely say all kinds of evil against him because of Christ. What a privilege to one day stand with these men in glory, and realize that we were fellow workers with them in the proclamation of the Gospel. ✎



The Apostles to the Andes

It was the year 1988, that I first heard about the exceptional work of God in the north of Peru, and immediately, I was drawn to the work and the men that God was using. We live in a time when those who call themselves “Evangelicals” have gone wild with exaggerated stories of revival and moves of God that most often prove to be nothing more than works of flesh motivated by men. As my father used to say, “Ten inches of thunder and lightning and not a drop of rain.” But the work in the north of Peru had all the markings of the Spirit’s work...

Years ago, a poor man found a New Testament in the garbage and gave the worn out book to his son Angel Colmenares who read it from cover to cover so many times that it soon had to be rebound. Shortly after, Angel met missionary William Chambers who, like the Evangelist of Pilgrim’s Progress, showed him the clear path to Christ and lit in him a passion to “win souls.” He poured his life into Angel and taught him a no frills, no nonsense, count the cost, hand to the plow, Christianity that can make a man a dangerous weapon in the hands of God (Their *Paul-Timothy* relationship continues until this day). In time, Angel went to the jungles of Iquitos to prepare himself for ministry in a Baptist Bible Institute. It was on the Amazon and in the jungles, that he learned something of what it would mean to suffer hardship for the sake of Christ and the Great Commission. It was there that he also met his wife Efigenia and a life long partnership in ministry was cemented.

After a few years, Angel and Efi returned to the province of Piura in the northern coastal region of Peru and began their life’s work. Although they were ministering in a church in the costal town of Sullana, they began to make journeys into the Andes and preach the Gospel where it had never been preached before. The missionary journeys into the mountains were full of difficulty and dangers. There were few roads accessible. Days were spent walking from village to village, They suffered from the near equatorial heat during the day, and at night they suffered the paralyzing cold in the high altitudes of the Andes. In my near twenty years in the ministry, I have never met or even read of another person like Angel whose life so closely reflects that of the apostle Paul:

“I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches”

- II Corinthians 11:26-28 (NASB)

Through such tireless traveling, endless preaching and constant intercession, God was doing a sovereign work that could only be attributed to Him. People began to be converted, churches began to be planted, and God began to raise up men of the roughest sort. There is no way to exaggerate this point. This work, which has grown to over 600 churches, cannot be attributed to marketing techniques or contemporary church growth methods, but to the power of God manifested through courageous preachers and bold, unapologetic preaching. I have never seen such courage as I have found in these men, I have never heard such straightforward preaching as I have heard from them...

Brother Reyes stood in the plaza of the town of Pacaipama and preached to them the Gospel of repentance from sin and faith in Christ. He told them to flee the wrath that was to come upon the wicked and run to Christ! As he preached a crowd gathered to mock and jeer. Soon their insults turned to violence. They hit him, but he kept preaching. They tore his Bible away from him and threw it on the ground, but he kept preaching. They ripped his clothes and beat him with a cane, but he kept preaching. They poured goat urine on his head until he was saturated from head to foot, but he kept preaching... And today here is a strong church of over 100 people in Pacaypama and brother Reyes is its pastor.

Brother Heraclito left his *adobe* hut early one morning with his little daughter. They had hours of walking ahead of them before they reached the village where he planned to preach the Gospel. Towards the end of the day, they were worn to the bone, but could see the village built on the hill above the river. The towns people watched them as they began to cross the river that had swollen from recent rains. About midway through, brother Heraclito and his daughter

began to be carried away by the strong current. They cried out for help, but the towns people mocked the “evangelista” (evangelist), who they considered a false prophet and unworthy to live. By the providence of God, brother Heraclito was able to grab hold of a tree limb and save himself and his daughter. After pulling themselves from the river, he climbed the rise and preached to the towns people the Gospel of repentance from sin and of faith in Christ. *Of the towns people that mocked him that day, six were soundly converted during his first sermon.*

Two mountain men, who had heard about brother Colmenares and the Gospel he preached, came to the coast and entered his church. On hearing the preaching, they were both converted. As they were preparing their things to return to the mountains, brother Colmenares gave them tracts to share with others. When they arrived at their village with their new found faith, they immediately sought out Pedro Gracia. He was the most powerful and most feared witch in the entire area. He had made a blood covenant with the devil, and had the power to predict the future, place terrible curses upon men, and offer prayers for the dead. When they found him, they sat him down in a chair, and since they did not know much Gospel, they simply read him the tract that brother Colmenares had given them. On hearing of the wrath of God that was to fall upon the wicked and of the only salvation which was provided through Christ, Pedro repented of his witchcraft and turned to the Lord. *In the last several years, he has started more than ten churches, and is one of the most respected elders among the mountain people.*

When I hear these stories, and the countless others, I feel, at least in part, what the writer of the book of Hebrews must have felt when he wrote:

“An what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong... And others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated



This is a very appropriate photo of Angel and Efi Colmenares. They are constantly on the go, busy about the Master’s business. To know them and the hundreds of men who work with them has been one of the greatest joys and privileges of my life. It is an honor for HeartCry to be “fellow workers” with such men and women of God in Peru and around the world.

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- Hebrews 11:32-38 (NASB)

To know these “Apostles to the Andes” and the hundreds of men and women who work with them has been one of the greatest joys and privileges of my life. Through the simplicity of their faith and the greatness of their devotion to God and His Gospel, I have learned much. It is an honor for HeartCry to be “fellow workers” with such men and women of God in Peru and around the world. Thank you for being “fellow workers” with us and them so that the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ may be preached to all peoples and the Name of our God be great among the nations. ✎

Can I get There on Foot?



Students from the Seminary in Sullana representing the many countries from around the world who desperately need the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After hearing a student speak on the needs of the Middle East, one of the mountain pastors came up to me and asked, "Brother Paul, can I get there on foot."

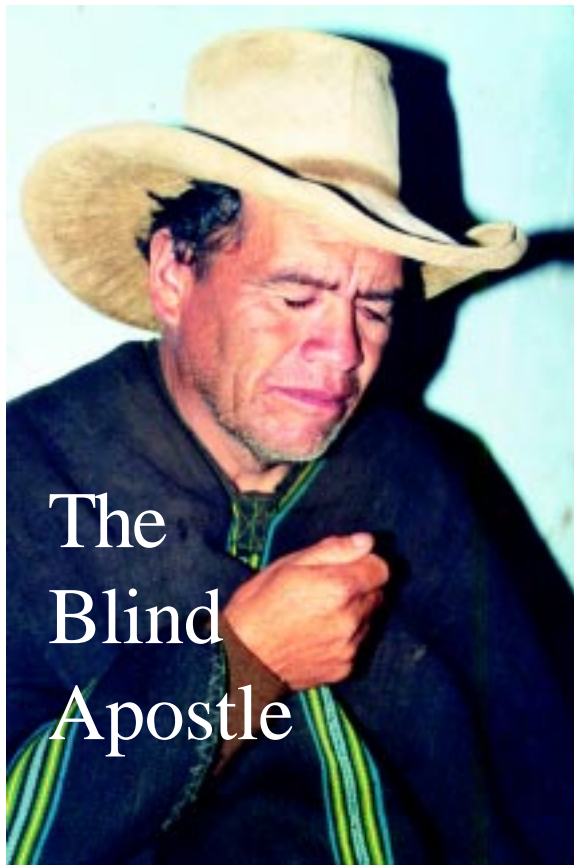
At the annual pastor's conference for the mountain pastors of northern Peru, the seminary students put on a wonderful performance about missions. The play began with the disciples seated around Jesus just prior to His ascension. He then stood up and declared, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nation." At this declaration, Jesus then left the stage and the disciples scattered out into the congregation preaching the Gospel. Unknown to all of us, they had placed students in different places in the auditorium, and each one was dressed as though from a distant land. One by one they stood up from their seats as though responding to the Gospel and proceeded to the platform in front of the church. As they were advancing, to the front, a seminary student dressed as Satan attempted to hinder them, but the disciples began to quote the Scriptures and he was defeated. One by one, the students representing each country took the platform and shared a brief description of their homeland and the great need for the Gospel that existed among their people.

Such a play as this might not have had too great an impact among people who are aware that the world is much larger than their own mountain range, but for the mountain pastors and missionaries it was a complete shock! This was their first introduction to missions on a global scale. They were unaware that there are hundreds of nations and many thousands of people groups who are still without the Gospel. As the needs of China, India, the Middle East and countless other countries were shared, I watched the pastor's faces change from shock, to sadness, to righteous anger. When we gave the invitation, which was primarily directed towards the

seminary students and the call to missions, the mountain men began to come forward with fierce determination marked on their faces. One asked me, how long it would take for him to walk to China, another said that he would go to the Middle East even if it meant that he would be martyred. Some came forward because they could not understand why no one had told them before, or why someone had not already gone to these places to preach the Gospel. They simply could not understand how a thing like this could happen, and why Christians who knew about this problem had done so little about it.

These simple mountain pastors had no clue as to where most of these countries are located or how to get there. They understood nothing of Passports or Visas. They did not realize that other languages are spoken different from their own. They only knew that there were entire villages and even countries without the Gospel and somebody had to do something about it. To them it was simple. Pack the mules with enough supplies and begin the long journey. On arrival preach the Gospel in the town square and house to house until someone is soundly converted. Baptize them and start a church. If they must die while preaching the Gospel, then someone should be right behind them to take their place.

May God grant us in North America and Western Europe the grace and simplicity to see that missions and the Great Commission is not quite as complicated as we think. It is more a matter of will. Are we willing to lay down our lives that God's Name be great among the nations? Are we willing to be committed soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ and raise His Gospel on every hill throughout the earth? 🙏



The Blind Apostle

And the disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

John 9:2-3

I met brother Lucho several years ago during one of my first conferences in the city of Pacaipama in the northern Andes mountains of Peru. As I was preparing a message in one of the adobe huts, brother Angel Colmenares entered with an unusually wide smile (even for him) and asked if I would like to meet a very special "siervo de Dios" (servant of God). As a young missionary, I ranked brother Colmenares alongside the apostle Paul, and so, of course I wanted to meet someone that he esteemed to be "very special" before the Lord.

As I followed brother Colmenares out into the bright morning sunlight, my eyes fixed upon a little man, slumped over with his head humbly bowed as though about to meet some dignitary. He was unshaven and ragged, and smelled of goat cheese and the smoke of kitchen fires. As we took hold of one another's shoulders (a greeting common among the mountain Chris-

tians), brother Colmenares began to joyfully share with me his testimony. Brother Lucho was born blind and lived in abject poverty without hope. He could not work in the fields or raise livestock and so was left to rely on the mercies of others. His was a tragic story all too common among the disabled in the third world.

One day, a young boy began to share Christ with Lucho. He told him the story of how Christ healed the man who had been born blind. He explained to him that although he was born blind, Jesus would heal him if only he believed. When Lucho asked the boy when the healing would come, he answered that it would come immediately if that would bring the most glory to God, but if God could get glory for Himself through Lucho's blindness, then he would not be healed until the resurrection. He assured Lucho that although the time of the healing was uncertain, the healing itself was. Through faith in Christ, Lucho would not only be healed, but his sins would be forgiven and Christ Himself would give him eternal life in glory.

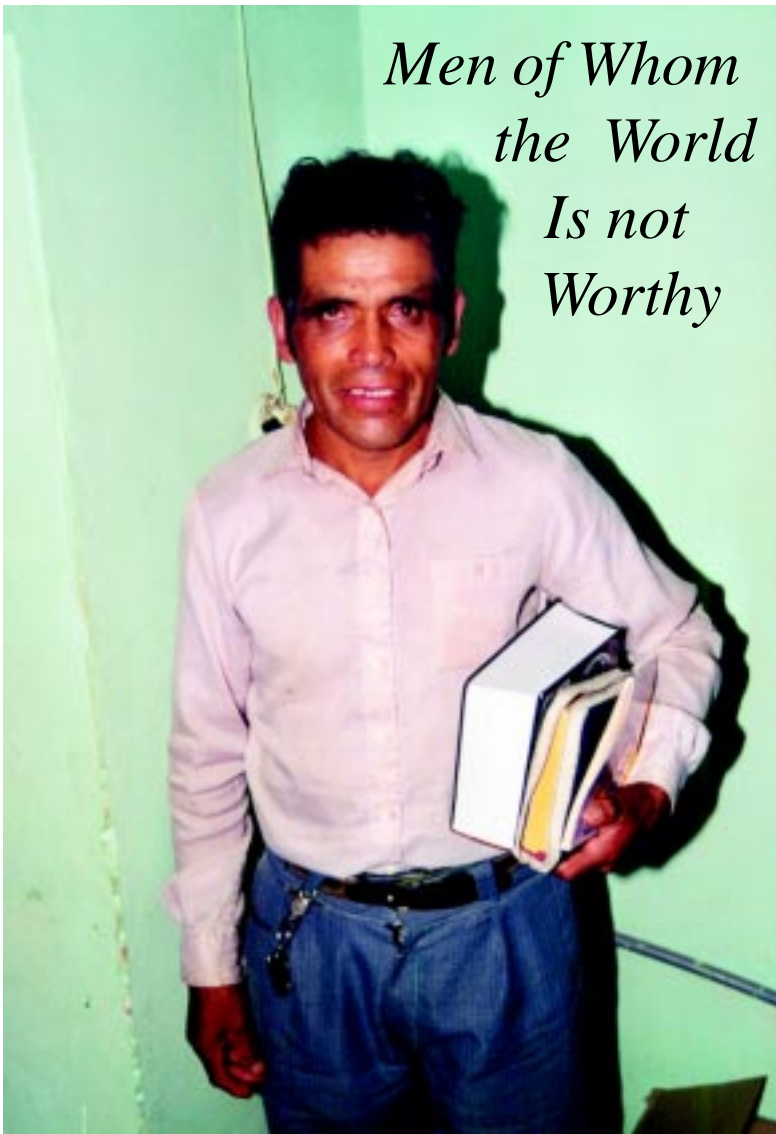
Lucho believed that day and became an instrument for the glory of God. Since his conversion, He has won many people to Christ through his testimony and preaching. He teaches Sunday School at his church, leads the singing, and has disciplined two men who are now pastors of other congregations. Lucho has never even seen a Bible, much less read one, but he has memorized great portions of Scripture through listening to others as they read the Bible to him.

Throughout the world, and especially in the most impoverished place, and especially through the weakest people, I have seen the grace and mercies of God revealed. He is especially jealous of His glory and will not share it with another. For this reason, He mightily uses the weakest among us, that no man may boast before God (I Corinthians 1:29) and that our faith may not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God (I Corinthians 2:5). ✍



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Hebrews 11:36-38

Nearly a year and a half ago, at the annual pastor’s conference in Sullana Peru, I was approached by a ragged, unshaven, unbathed mountain man from the northern Andes Mountains. To reach the conference, he had traveled for days by foot and finally in the back of an old cattle truck. At the conference, he slept on a straw mat on the dirty floor and because of limited facilities (150 pastors sharing one bathroom) he had been unable to bathe or shave. Nevertheless, for him, it was one of the grandest moments in his life, to come to the city and attend a Bible conference where he would learn about doctrine and how to be a better pastor.

He approached me in the characteristic manner of the mountain men, his hat was off and held in front of him with both hands, his worn out Bible was tucked securely under his arm and his head was bowed, almost as if to apologize for bothering me. After thanking me for the teaching that day, he asked me if there was any way I could help him obtain a Bible dictionary. He said his schooling had been very limited and the only book he had ever owned was his Bible, which I saw was in complete disarray. He made it clear, that he did not mean to bother me and that he would do his best to pay what it cost, but that he needed one to be a better preacher and a pastor. He said there were just some words and names he could not understand and it made it difficult to teach his people.

The brother had no sooner made his request, when both his face and voice were drowned out by a sea of other pastors who converged on us with questions and comments and similar requests. I imagine that he had waited the entire conference, maybe the entire year for the moment to ask me for a simple dictionary and yet as I was pulled off by the countless other men, he realized that his petition would go unanswered, at least for another year.

A year past, and the brother made the same long journey down from the mountains to attend the annual Bible conference. On the first day of the conference, I was escaping to my quarters after a long day of teaching when I noticed a lone figure following from behind. As our eyes met, the man quickly took off his hat and lowered his head as if he were a child waiting to be scolded for doing something he should not have done. I searched my memory trying to remember this one face among so many, but then, with his one question, it all came back to me as though it had been yesterday. He asked, “Brother Paul did you bring any dictionaries this year?” And then he contin-



ued, with the same argument he had used the year before (as though he needed to justify his petition): “I am not a man of much schooling and there are some words I cannot understand. I want to be a better preacher of the Gospel and a better pastor to our congregation.”

I had not brought any dictionaries to the conference because there are so many pastors and in reality everyone of them has the need, but as I spoke with the brother I realized that an exception had to be made. The next day I took a two hour bus ride to the nearest Christian bookstore, but found nothing that would be useful for the brother. It was heart breaking to share with him the bad news, but he accepted it like a man who was accustomed to not seeing dreams come true. Finally, the last night of the conference, a leader shared with me that he had bought two dictionaries in Lima, one for himself and the other to sell. I quickly bought the dictionary and went out looking for the brother. I found him sleeping on the floor of the church under his old coat. I woke him and gave him his dictionary. He began to cry.

After the tears subsided, I thought I should investigate a bit about the man’s ministry. As I asked him about his church, he began to make excuses, saying that the church was only three years old, that it was in a very remote place, that the people were very poor, and that they were persecuted by the people of the town. I began to think that I could have given the dictionary to a more worthy missionary until finally I cornered him and said, “Brother how many people have you baptized?” “How many faithful members do you have in your congregation after three years?” He responded apologetically and a bit embarrassed, “Brother Paul, we now have 80 adults faithfully attending, but we do have many children.” It was not the answer I had expected. I congratulated the brother for his work, which seemed to give him more confidence to speak, and so he continued, “We are poor and many people are against us. As you can see I don’t have much schooling and it is hard for me to understand things. But the Lord is very wise and strong. He is very good to me because He knows we are poor and I never had much schooling.

I had to excuse myself from the room to keep from crying. He was a ragged, dirty, little man. His hair was uncombed, he was unshaven. His clothes were old and ragged. The sandals he wore had been cut out of an old truck tire that someone had thrown away. He was poor and *didn’t have much schooling*, but he had been used of God to do an extraordinary work, a work that “greater men” have never accomplished. “Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!” (Romans 11:33). “God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God.” (I Corinthians 1:27-29).





The Little Things You Do - *Clothing*

“Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’”

Matthew 25:37-40

This passage of Scripture is so often taken out of context. Jesus is not commending His people because they had prison ministries or built hospitals or worked in rescue mis-

sions, but because of their genuine love for other Christians that had manifested itself in their willingness to care for their needs.

It goes without saying, that the church of Jesus Christ is to be involved in reaching out to all people and preaching the Gospel to the lost through every means, evangelistic and social alike. However Jesus is here speaking about something quite different. He is teaching us that the sign of true faith and devotion, the sign of genuine salvation, is our willingness to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ who have needs. John writes in his first epistle, “But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth” (3:17-18). The apostle Paul writes in his letter to the church in Galatia, “So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of faith (6:10).

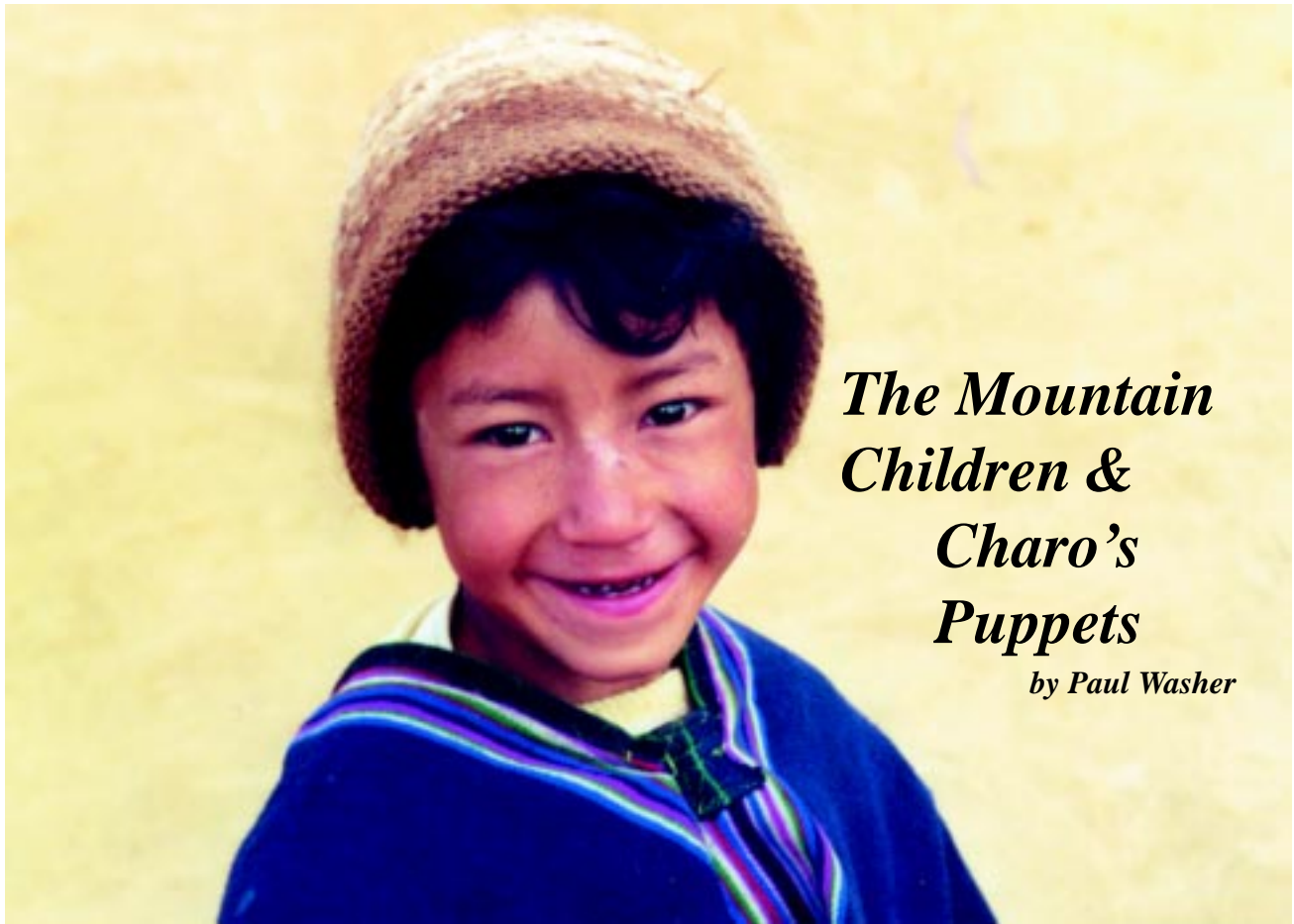
Here at HeartCry, we would all like to thank you on behalf of the more than fifty mountain pastors and their families who received clothing because of your generous support of HeartCry. Because of you, at this year’s Bible Conference in Sullana Peru, we were able to bless many of the men and women who have faithfully served our Master in some of the most remote and difficult areas of the world. We only wish that you could have been there to see their faces light up with joy because of your gift. We have published the following photographs for you to see the joy your giving has created in the lives of those for whom Jesus died. Please study each face and rejoice that God has used you to be an instrument of blessing in their lives. Also, please pray for each one, that God’s grace, wisdom and power might rest upon them.

“Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.”

III John 5-8

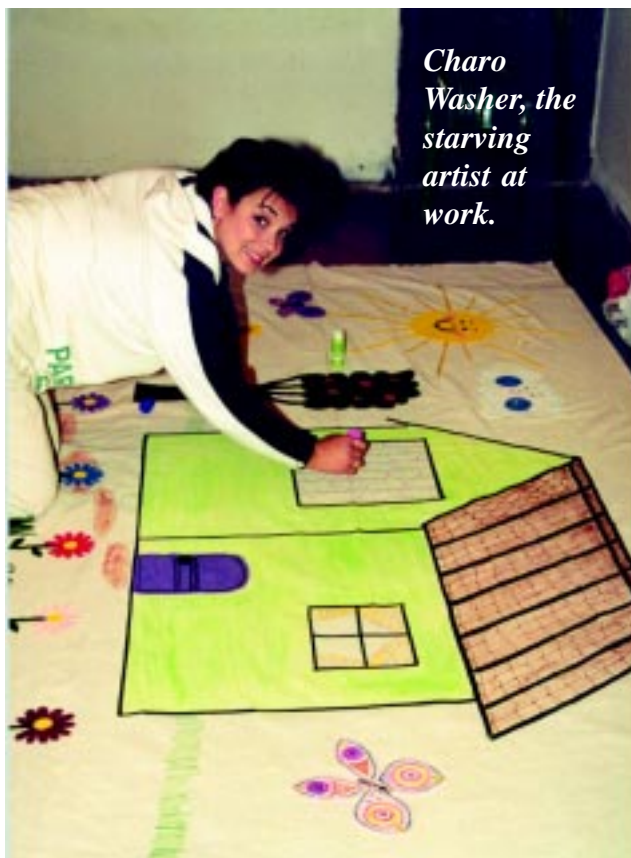






The Mountain Children & Charo's Puppets

by Paul Washer



*Charo
Washer, the
starving
artist at
work.*

Charo got her start in puppets at my expense. Several years ago, she and I traveled to the village of Las Lagunas, high in the Andes mountains. One particularly cold morning, I began to look through my backpack for my new hiking socks that I had bought at Walmart the last time I had been in the States. I was really looking forward to wearing them, and so it was with great despair that I finally conceded that they were lost. As I walked towards the meeting place that morning, feeling forlorn for having suffered such a devastating loss for the sake of the Gospel, I saw Charo giving an impromptu puppet show to the children with a pair of unusual looking puppets. When she finished the show, I immediately asked her if she had seen the “special socks” I had brought from the States. Instead of answering, she quickly put her hands behind her back and had that “Boy, am I in trouble” look on her face. Then, almost immediately her face brightened as though she had just received a special revelation from God. She pulled the two puppets from behind her back and joyfully declared, “I know what happened to your socks. God miraculously turned them into puppets, so that I could minister to the children. Isn’t that wonderful?” On hearing her answer, I laughed and said, “What can I do? I cannot fight against God.

This past August, while I was caught up in teaching, Charo and a few other free-spirits were ministering to the children with puppets. Joining Charo in this magical endeavor

was Jennifer Record from Minneapolis, Brad White from Union University, and not a few brave Peruvians. They looked like a group of traveling minstrels as they put up the stage and played with the children.

I will never cease to wonder about how little it takes to bring joy to the mountain children. The stage was nothing more than a sheet that Charo had decorated the week before we left. There was no stand, and so it had to be held up the entire duration of the play by two people standing on each side. There were few benches and so most of the children sat on the dirt floor or stood among the crowd. Yet they were mesmerized by each character, they hung on every word and they laughed until I thought they would break in two. A painted sheet, a few worn out puppets and a couple of loving volunteers was all it took to give them a joyful experience in the Name of Christ. A joy, that I am confident, they will never forget as long as they live. A pleasant memory in the midst of all the difficulties of their lives.

As I walked away from the children and their laughter, I began to wonder if they were really so poor, and if we in North America and Western Europe were



During the outside showing of the puppet theater, there were as many adults as children.

really so rich. We have seen it all and have purchased most of what we have seen. It takes so much to make us laugh, so much to make us content, so much to satisfy us. The more “stuff” we have, the greater our emptiness becomes.

When I first came to Peru, I could not drink the water, but eventually, by gradually taking in larger and larger quantities of water, I became so immune to the parasites that they no longer had an effect on me. It seems that the same has happened to us in the more developed countries. As we take in greater and greater amounts of prosperity we become more and more immune to true joy. May God grant us the grace, to lay down the sins that so beset us, to untangle ourselves from the cords of selfishness and greed, to free ourselves from the maze of complexities we have built around our lives, and walk with Him with the same wide-eyed exuberance of these children. 🙏



It was standing room only in this very exclusive andean auditorium.



*Missionaries
Florencio &
Cristiana
Churata*

Florencio & Cristina Churata and their baby girl, Sarai. HeartCry supported Florencio through his seminary training and now supports him as a church planter in Sullana, Peru (northern coast). Brother Florencio also works under Pastor Angel Colmenares, training and assisting the mountain pastors of the Northern Andes.

My wife Cristiana and I want to thank our God for you and for the financial and prayer support that we receive monthly because of your love for God and for missions. Our Lord is always good to us and we praise Him for His faithfulness, kindness and provision.

During the month of July, we were blessed with the visit of Paul and Charo Washer, and other brothers and sisters from the United States. We were blessed by their fellowship and their labor of love among us here at the Mount Olive Baptist Church. With their help, we were able to organize an evangelistic outreach in the main park of our community and many heard the Word of God preached.

The month of September was a month full of blessings, trials and hard work. Thanks to the Lord and to the generosity of you who support Heartcry, we now have the roof on our church and the pastoral parsonage is near completion. Many of our church members helped us to do most of the construction work so that we might be able to make the most of what we have been given.

This month, two more families were added to our congregation and are attending our church faithfully. The youth

in our church are organizing several sporting events for the young people in our community with the purpose of getting to know more unbelievers and having the opportunity of sharing the Gospel with them.

A few weeks ago, our entire community came together in an effort to speak to parents about the importance of being actively involved in the education of their children. I was very surprised when I was asked to participate and given an opportunity to minister and be a witness for the Gospel. The Lord blessed my teaching time as I shared with the parents about the importance of being good examples with their lives before their children. After the meeting, I was able to share the Gospel with some of the parents and to invite them to church.

Federico Cornejo, the leader in the community who asked me to participate in this event, lives only a couple of houses from our church. He is a very intelligent man and very involved in our community. When I first met him, he was also very committed to the Catholic religion.

A few days after the meeting, Federico came by our church looking for me and found me working by myself un-

der the hot sun. I was carrying construction debris and was very dirty and full of sweat. When Federico saw me like this he was very surprised and asked me why I was working by myself and how could the pastor of a church lower himself to do such dirty and menial work. I knew he was saying this because most priests would not do this kind of work themselves and he probably thought that it was not a very “spiritual” thing for a pastor to do. I told Federico that as the pastor of my church I was called to lead the sheep of my congregation by giving the example in everything. I told him that as a minister, my first calling was to serve others and to motivate other Christians by the way I lived my life. After his initial questions, I was able to share the Gospel with him and explain to him how Christ himself had come to serve us and to lay down His life for us even though He was God in the flesh. We spoke for a long time and he left content with our conversation. He came back ten minutes later with a cold drink for me. He thanked me for everything I had shared with him and invited me to have a Bible study in his home so that his family could also listen to the Gospel.

On the 14th of September, we gathered together to study the Word of God in Federico’s house. After reviewing the message of salvation, Federico repented and gave his life to Christ. He broke down and told me how miserable his life was because even though he was a moral man and went to the Catholic church he did not know God and he felt very sad and empty. Federico shared with me how he had spoken to the priests and they had told him that he should be a happy and fulfilled man because he was moral and did good things for the community. Regardless of this, he could not find peace,

he felt frustrated with their answers and began to question many things about his church. That night before I left Federico’s house, he thanked me for telling him about the Lord and he also said that the day he saw me working by myself he understood that my relationship with God must have been special because I was working without anyone seeing me

That night, I walked home crying with joy because of what the Lord had done in the life of Federico. These moments never cease to fill me with such indescribable joy that I cannot contain it within me. Even though I know my joy does not compare to the rejoicing that is going on in Heaven. Leading someone to know the Lord fills me with such renewed strength to minister in His Name, that I feel as though I could run for miles. Moments like these make everything worth it and motivates us to once again pour out our lives for His glory and the advancement of His kingdom. I praise God for allowing me this wonderful privilege!

Federico has been attending church since that day and he is very hungry to know more and more about God. He has been bringing his family, to church also and we are praying that they will soon be converted. Please continue to pray for us as we ask God to make us a lighthouse in our community of Villa Primavera. Remember our church members in your prayers as many need jobs and there are few to be found. Please pray for God’s provision and grace upon the Christians, not only in our church but in our entire country. We thank you for your love for souls and your commitment to the Kingdom of God. We feel your prayers and your Christian love as we labor here in Sullana, Peru.



Missionary Florencio Churata at the entrance of the Mount Olive Baptist Church. On the left hand side the inscription reads, “This is where we pray for you!”



Inside the Mount Olive Baptist Church before construction began. The main auditorium was under a temporary tin roof and the Sunday School rooms (at left) were made out of straw mats.



These are some of the materials that we were able to provide for the building of a parsonage and Sunday School rooms for the Mount Olive Baptist Church. In time, we will also help with the construction of a new roof for the main auditorium.



Building the Church

Seminary students laying the foundation of the new seminary in Sullana Peru.

An important part of our ministry to take the Gospel to the nations through indigenous missionaries is the construction of church buildings and other necessary facilities.

When seeking to take the Gospel into a new pioneer area, we are usually faced with the following possible scenarios: (1) There are areas where house churches will suffice, at least at the beginning of the church start. Eventually however, a building will need to be constructed. (2) A building may be rented, but for obvious reasons this is not the best stewardship. (3) There are areas where construction can be completed without aid because of the economic condition of the area. Once the church begins to grow, the members themselves can purchase land and begin to build without outside aid. This is extremely unusual, not because of the lack of dedication or willingness on the part of the nationals, but because of their poverty. Even if each member gave away one half of their income they would not be able to save the necessary funds to purchase land. (4) There are areas where a building can be erected with little or no cost. In the jungles of Peru, buildings can be built from materials that are taken from the jungle itself. In the rural areas of northern Peru, buildings can be constructed with the adobe bricks made by the members. The only cost is the wood and tin for the roof (usually less than \$1000). (5) There are areas where construction aid is crucial. When the church outgrows the house where it was started, it must move to a larger rented facility. This puts the church into a kind of “no win” situation. It is difficult to grow without renting the larger facility, and it is impossible to save enough money to buy land while having to pay rent. Also among some groups such as the Romanians and Moldavians, all “house churches” are considered “cults” by the people. A church building is a sort of valida-

tion that a certain group is a “real” church and not a cult.

In the third world and Eastern Europe the cost of land and an adequate meeting place varies greatly. In the rural mountain areas of Peru, we can purchase land for under \$1000 and build a building for between \$1000 and \$2000. In the urban areas, land and buildings may cost as much \$100,000. At the present, the most we have spent on one single project is \$42000. This was for the Church that was planted in the district of Barranco, in the city of Lima. In general, HeartCry builds churches in the rural areas for an average cost of between \$5000 to \$6000 dollars.

We thank God for the many churches and individual supporters who have so generously given to this very important ministry. On the preceding pages, we shared with you the church construction project in Villa Primavera. In the following, are some of the other projects which we have recently completed or on which we are presently working.

Construction of Seminary in Sullana, Peru

This project is of great importance to us at HeartCry and to the church in Northern Peru. In the last 20 years, more than 600 churches have been planted in the northern Andes mountains of Peru. The seminary will be used to train the men that God has raised up for the work. We will strive to teach biblical theology and missions to the unreached. At the end of every semester, the students are sent out for one month into some of the most difficult areas of the north to preach in the streets and minister to the churches. It is our great desire to send forth men into the harvest that fear only God and trust only in His provision of Grace. The seminary facility will also be used by our Christian grade school and to plant a new church in the area.



Above: The lot prior to construction. The lot is very large and will provide the space needed for the necessary facilities. In the background is a lemon grove. The land is watered by natural irrigation channels.



*Above: The beginnings of construction. The first building consists of three large rooms that will be used for class space.
Below: A group picture of some of the seminary students and other pastors who will benefit from this project. The green banner reads, "Here is being constructed the Baptist College of Missions and Theology."*



New Buildings in Mallaritos and Quebrada de Tacalá, Peru

Near the Seminary in Sullana, we have had the privilege of building two new facilities for new church plants in the villages of Mallaritos and Quebrada de Tacalá. These works were begun in part through the seminary students in Sullana who are required to go out into the streets each weekend and proclaim the Gospel on every street corner and in every house that will invite them in. They have learned that all the mission strategies known to man cannot replace the preaching of the Gospel in the highways and hedges of this world and in the homes of those who are willing to receive Christ's messenger. These buildings were made possible by the vision of one man in the United States who visited Peru with us, saw the need and believed God to do a miracle! He, his friends, and the church where he is a member gave the support necessary for construction. We at HeartCry and the brothers in Peru, give thanks to God for their wonderful gesture of the love of Christ.



The beginnings of construction in Mallaritos. The church was meeting in an old house made of adobe mud. The walls were leaning in and there was only a partial roof.



The brothers decided to build the door in the shape of the cross to demonstrate to all that the Cross of Christ is the only door through which men might be saved and enter into the presence of God.



Brother Gregorio Chavez in front of the new building for the church in Quebrada de Tacalá. Since brother Gregorio was pastoring five works in the area, the church has now been turned over to a young seminary student who will be under the direction of Angel "Paco" Laos.

A New Church Building in Paita, Peru



Above: This is the small adobe brick room in which the church in Paita was meeting. You will notice that they have covered the mud brick walls with gift-wrapping paper and old newspapers.

The city of Paita is a very strategic area in the north of Peru. It is one of the fastest growing areas in the north and is ripe for the harvest. Working in cooperation with brother Angel Colmenares and the pastor, Javier Carhuapoma, HeartCry is in the process of building a new church facility to allow for greater growth. There are countless needs such as this throughout the world, but God is great and gracious. He is providing all that is necessary to fulfill His will at the present time. Please pray that we wisely administrate all that the Lord has entrusted to us.



In the above photo are some of the members of the Maranta Baptist Church in Paita, Peru. The width of the church fills the entire photo. It is the vision of the church to one day have a Christian school within these walls.

Church Construction in San Rafael

Over a year ago, HeartCry purchased a track of land in the town of San Rafael in the jungles of San Martin, Peru. Brother Arturo Marin and his wife Gladys have been working in the area for two years and have had tremendous success in planting a church among the people. It gives us great joy in the Lord to announce that a wonderful fellowship of Christians in South Georgia has provided us with \$3000 to begin the construction of a building on the track of land. The construction will probably begin some time after the first of the year when brother Paul Washer travels to Peru. It is extremely important that all construction be carried out with the utmost accountability. Please pray for Arturo and Gladys as they are now first time parents of a baby boy.



Above: HeartCry missionaries Arturo and Gladys Marin standing on the track of land purchased by HeartCry more than a year ago. Thanks to the gracious giving of many we will begin construction at the first of the year.

The Little Things You Do - Buying Books

Because of your prayers and generosity, we were able to provide several volumes of books for the new seminary in Sullana, Peru. The books include Bible dictionaries, works in Systematic Theology, commentaries on the Old and New Testament, and biographies of the men and women whom God has used throughout the centuries to advance His Kingdom on earth. With the books, we were also able to donate a paper cutter and a book binding machine so that the seminary might prepare its own materials.

In most third world countries like Peru, *books are worth their weight in gold* and are beyond the reach of most seminary students and pastors. I have known of dedicated workers in the mountains who did not even own a Bible and had to ask permission to borrow the church's Bible every time they traveled to a distant village to preach. If Bibles are sometimes so rare, you can only imagine how difficult it is for the pastors in the mountains and jungles to obtain reference works to help them in their study of Scripture.

A few years ago in Lima, I was standing in front of the local Christian bookstore, waiting for it to open, when I notice a little man who had obviously come from the jungle. We began to talk and I realized that we knew many of the same workers and churches in the jungle. With great joy, he shared with me that he had saved up money and traveled two days to purchase Christian books for his church. When the doors opened, we both entered. As I purchased the necessary books for the seminary, I watched the little man. As he looked at each book on the shelf, his countenance began to change from joy, to shock, to sadness. Finally, he came to the counter with only a few small tracts. It was the same old story that has been repeated countless times. A worthy servant of God, who has gone out, even risked his own life, for the sake of the Name, and yet he is too poor to even purchase one book to help him grow in the Lord or minister in a greater way to His people.

As I prayed, it became clear that there was only one worthy response. I took the brother back to the shelves and showed him the books that would be necessary for a proper pastoral library. As I piled the books in his arms, his eyes seem to say, "But I have no money." When we came to the counter, I promptly bought the books and handed him the bags. He began to cry. With tears streaming down his face, he stood in the middle of the store and lifted up his voice with thanksgiving and praise to God. He asked me why I would do such a thing for him. I told Him that he was a valued servant of the Lord, and that God had brought me from the United States of America to that Christian book store, on that very day, to buy him the books that he needed. I told him that the money was not mine, but had been sent from many Chris-



Seminary director, Daniel Colmenares, standing with some of the books that were made available through your gracious giving. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

tians in the United States who considered it a privilege and a great honor to help a valued servant of the Lord such as himself.

He was so excited for what the Lord had done for him. He could not wait to reach his church and tell them the wonderful things that God had done. To tell them of a God so omniscient and sovereign that He is able to bring two men from different countries together on the same street corner at the same time, so that one might minister to the other in their time of need. The One who sees the sparrow when he falls, also saw him when he prayed for books, when he traveled two days to the book store, when his heart broke because he had no means. God saw and provided a way.

We would like to take this moment to thank all the HeartCry family who have so graciously given to this ministry. You have sown abundantly and you will also reap abundantly. You have purposed in your heart, not to give grudgingly or under compulsion, and for this reason God loves you.

As for us, we are convinced that God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that you will always have more than enough of everything and may abound in every kind of good deed. You have scattered abroad and given to the poor and your righteous acts will endure forever.

It is our continued prayer that the God who supplies every thing we need for life and ministry, will enlarge your possibilities and your capacity for greater works of service so that the fruit you bear for the Glory of God may surpass your greatest expectations. 🙏



What part of “Go”
do you not understand?
Matthew 28:18-20

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