

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we enter into this Christmas season, we pray that the Lord would find you all healthy and happy. Our prayer is that your hearts would be focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, not on the busyness and worries that this season can bring. We pray that you enjoy time with your family and friends. Reflect with us on the blessings we have received from our Lord, and how we may give to others during this joyous time of the year.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Medical Ministry Fun- SMBC and partners came to serve the people of Collique once again. This time of the year is always fun for us because we get to see close friends. We really enjoyed serving with all of the doctors, dentists, nurses and other friends that were returning to Collique. Last month OSA received a medical team with the specialties of gynecology, ophthalmology, dental care and general medicine. We also had a VBS team, construction team and a sewing workshop. We had people serve with us from South Main Baptist, Tallwood Baptist, Rome, Georgia, and Lima, Peru. It is always nice to get such a mixture of people and to be able share Christ's love with all who will serve along side us. There were many incredible and memorable moments that each team encountered and will be in their hearts forever. The medical team was able to see over 1,300 patients. Some were returning patients and some were new. We only had 1 full time dentist this time around and another Peruvian partner that came a couple of times during the week. Our dentist saw all of the OSA students and then some of their family members in the mornings. There were many patients seen by the eye doctor and many others who were screened for reading glasses. The construction team had 4 projects. They made an office in the local preschool where OSA assists with a lunch program. They built a house for one of the OSA families, they put in a water tank for another OSA family and made some improvements on another home in our program. Luzette Berry came from Tallwood Baptist church to work with the OSA mothers again for the sewing workshop. The mothers learned and honed their skills, and enjoyed the week they had with her. We had a fantastic time together and always look forward to the next visit. We wanted to thank everyone for taking the time to come and serve with us and to thank those who support our ministry by prayer. God does such great things through those willing to serve with him in His creation. **To see more reflections on this fantastic week go to www.smbc.org click on Missions Update – fall Peru 2009.**

Prayer Requests

This month we ask our partners to be in prayer with us regarding:

- **PRAISE!!!** Diego Josiah was born healthy and safely. Thanks for your prayers. Pray that we'll be godly parents to him.
- Pray for rest and rejuvenation for the next school year as we get ready to go on summer break.
- Pray for the OSA staff, that we would follow God's guidance in all that we encounter in our work
- Pray for advancement with Joshua's potty training so that he can start pre-school in March.
- **PRAISE!!** We had a successful medical campaign and sewing class.
- Pray for safe travel for both Chris' parents and the Campos family as they visit Lima later this month.

December's Thought...

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:14

Upcoming Events

December 5

- Buckner Christmas visit at OSA

December 1-18

- End of the year preparation and planning for the next year at OSA

December 18

- 2009 Closing Celebration and Christmas celebration

December 19 – Jan 4

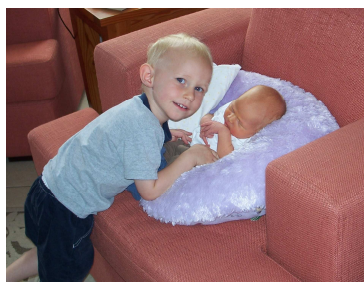
- OSA summer break

December 28

- Chris' parents to visit us in Peru

Diego Josiah Rose – November 26, 2009

Welcome, baby Diego! God blessed us with our newest treasure at 9:38 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. We were very surprised and not at all ready. The only thing prepared was the baby bag. Diego was 6 lbs 13 oz and 19 inches long. He has long little feet and is adorable (not biased or anything). We stayed 2 ½ days in the clinic. We had a great birthing experience here in Peru. Jess most liked that she did not have to be hooked up to the IV until the very end and could eat soft foods. Diego is a healthy, content little guy. He most resembles Joshua; it was like the doctor was giving us Joshua all over again after he was born. Jess is doing well. She is almost completely recovered with the wonderful exception of being sleep deprived. When not eating though, Diego is a sleeper. Jess has to wake him up to eat. We estimate he is awake around 2-4 hours of the day. We could just cuddle him all day long. Joshua is doing well with the transition of being a big brother. He is very sweet to him and gets worried when he does not see him right away. He does not quite understand why Diego prefers to sleep rather than play. We want to thank all of you for your prayers, calls and emails. They mean a lot to us. We miss being able share this little guy in person with everyone. If you want to read more about the day Jess posted Diego's birth story on the



Sharing in Ministries -During the medical team's visit, the Emmanuel Lutheran church in Collique received foreign visitors as well. This is a small Lutheran church near our NGO that has a daycare and lunch program. They are supported by various Lutheran churches in the US and Peru. We were very surprised to see them, especially because a former co-worker from Memorial Parkway Elementary, Kathy Patton, and her husband Bob, were part of this group. They were visiting all the different sites that they support here in Peru through their church and Emmanuel in Collique was one of their stops. We were able to take Kathy and her husband to the house Chris was working on to show them a little more of our community. We made them take a trek through the dusty hills! It was great to see Kathy again. Thanks for surprising us! We hope that their stay in Peru was a good one and that they enjoyed their visits. What a small world it is!

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