



Collique: A Closer Look

Here's a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many? John 6:9

The Lord, Science and Fun by Elizabeth Edwards

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Prayer Requests

A group of 12 college students and sponsors from Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, TX arrived safely in Lima on May 22nd! The group had many great plans for their time here in Collique, but could not begin to imagine the great things God had in store for the week. Their prayer was that they would be the hands and feet of God by showing love to each one of the OSA and community children, just as He has loved us. The team did exactly this through selflessly giving up a week of their life to enrich the lives of the people here in Collique through teaching children, painting houses, and sharing the gospel.

The OSA staff asked the team to teach science classes to the children each day during their visit. There was a huge need for the children to learn basic science principles because, unfortunately, there has not been enough time during the school year to strengthen their skills in these areas. The classes

were taught to a group of children from the community in the morning and to the OSA children in the afternoon. The team did a great job designing educationally stimulating lessons and fun activities for the week. The kids had a blast doing science experiments such as reacting baking soda and vinegar, testing the density of objects in water, creating a human solar system, and exploding 2-liter Coca-Cola bottles. The team also taught the importance of taking care of the environment by not littering and taking care of our plants. After learning why litter is bad for our environment and our health, and understanding how long it takes certain materials to decompose, the kids went on a "Compañía Contra la Contaminación" ("Campaign Against Contamination") to pick up trash around the neighborhood. They also learned the parts of a plant, and each child was able to help plant a cactus in a park down the street from the OSA building.

The last classes that were taught on Friday were the most meaningful and important to the team. They presented the gospel to the children by making bracelets with multicolored beads that each represented a certain part of the good news of Christ. The bracelets were a fun activity that will serve as a permanent reminder to each of the children that Jesus sacrificed His life for *them*. All of the children also memorized John 3:16. The team did a great job making sure each child understood, above everything else, the love God has for them.

During the week, the team also painted 6 of the OSA families' houses. It was amazing to see how a simple task like painting could be such a blessing to a family. While working, the painters often enlisted the help of some neighborhood kids who were eager to paint, which eventually led to conversations about Jesus!

God worked in amazing ways during the week,

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

- Recent situations with students and friends regarding untruthfulness
- Health for Joshua, Diego and our intern Elizabeth they all have cold-like symptoms
- New ways to reach the OSA fathers
- Safe travel for the Campos' Peru visit
- Guidance for our team as we deal with differences of opinion
- Safe travel for us to the CBF team meeting and to Houston at the end of June

and we were so blessed by the Tallowood team's love for the Lord and eagerness to serve in Collique.



Celebrating "El Día de la Madre"

As the mothers of OSA walked through the salute of flowers with their escorts, there were looks of happiness, surprise and astonishment. The faces of the mothers showed gratitude and that they felt loved and recognized through this little gesture. As we celebrated the lives of each special mother we remember the verse from **Proverbs 31:28** *Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.* This is how we pray for our families to treat each other. We want to show Christ's love as it is unconditionally described in 1 Corinthians 13. Our hope is that God will reveal His love to them so that they may celebrate each member of the family.

Charo organized a wonderful mothers celebration. The program was fun and interactive.

The boys escorted the mothers through the tunnel of flowers to the room one by one with a rose. They were dressed with a shirt and tie and the girls in their dresses. Charo taught an inspirational devotional on **1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**. We had singing, games and a little dancing to liven the festivities. Blanca was even pulled into the games (she tried to run!). Each mother received a Spiritual bookmark for their Bibles, a chocolate heart and a rose. As always is needed in times of celebration, we had some tasty snacks to share and a time to visit. Finally, as all things must come to an end, we had 3 raffles. We raffled off a duffle bag full of food, a dish set and the grand prize- a microwave! It was such a great thing because the mothers who were in true need, were the families that won the raffles! God is GREAT, all the time!

Happy Mother's Day
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Worship In Action

Collique, Peru

Thanks so much to all who felt lead to serve through this ministry. OSA has been blessed with 12 computers and financial help to impact our ministry in HUGE ways! Thanks to Tallowood Baptist for spotlighting us and our ministry to the people of Collique through WIA.

Upcoming Events

- **June 18 Celebration of the June birthdays for the OSA students**
- **June 27 Father's Day Celebration with the OSA fathers**
- **June 25 to July 10 Elizabeth returns home and the Roses visit NC and Houston**



May's Thought!

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

Romans 12:3