



## The Class of 2010

We've been privileged to work with these students since we arrived in 2008. Some OSA staff has been with them since they entered the program in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. As these high schoolers leave the lunch program they are making room for a new class of 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Please pray for their continued development and OSA's future contact with them.

## Celebration of Learning

On December 17<sup>th</sup> the OSA family celebrated the graduation of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders and the end of a busy year of learning. It was a time of fun, clowning around, singing, sharing and giving. We focused this year's celebration on our exiting students, but also enjoyed our 5<sup>th</sup> graders as well. A Christian clown group came to lead us in fun and dancing. The families enjoyed a few raffles. We awarded students and parents for their hard work and dedication to themselves, their family and our program. This year Meche and Jess sang a song together and our accompaniment was Chris and his guitar teacher. It was really fun to worship the Lord alongside each other. Also, the students who were participating in the dance workshop presented their



## 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*

dances that they had worked on so hard all year long. They danced two typical dances of Peru. It was such a beautiful thing to see. Since the kids worked a lot on writing in Jess's class this year, we had a writing competition. The winners received a 1<sup>st</sup> place prize of school supplies and a journal. This year's winners were 5<sup>th</sup> grader Ana O. and 6<sup>th</sup> grader Rocio G. Rocio read her paper to all the students and parents. Both the girls did a great job as well as the other students! We concluded the celebration with fruitcake (a Christmas tradition in Peru) and hot chocolate (in the summer!). Before the families left they received a Christmas clothing donation. It was a good time of fellowship and fun! Thank you to all who support our ministry so that this celebration was possible.



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## Prayer Requests

At this time we ask our Partners to pray with us:

- that God will bring us the new children he wants us to serve in our 1<sup>st</sup> grade program
- For the parents struggling to put food on the table and whose young children are working
- For specific guidance and clarity for our ministries here in Collique
- That our health would be allergy and asthma free for the year
- Praise for a restful Christmas break

Dec/Jan thought...

♪ At the cross, at the cross,  
where I first saw the light,  
and the burden of my heart rolled  
away, it was there by faith I re-  
ceived my sight, and now I am  
happy all the day. ♪

Chorus from Joshua's Favorite Hymn

## Upcoming Events

- **February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Field Trip for OSA students
- **February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Street parade to find a few more 1<sup>st</sup> graders
- **February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
New desks arrive at OSA
- **February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Classes begin at OSA (Happy Valentine's day!)
- **February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Reading and Math night for OSA Parents

**Fun with Buckner International!** On December 5<sup>th</sup> a Buckner team visited the children in Collique. They came to share Christ's love and the Gospel through dynamic activities. They divided the children into groups to play sports, share the Gospel and do handicrafts. The kids had a lot of fun and enjoyed Buckner's visit. It came to an end with a beautiful Christmas story as well as a great surprise waiting for them this year. They received a new backpack with new shoes and school supplies from Buckner and OSA. They were very excited about this! We always look forward to Buckner's visit and we wanted to say thanks again to all of you who support this ministry and for coming to Collique to share with us. We enjoy your visits! God Bless you all.



**Helping the Environment** For most of the past year Jess and Petry had an Ecology workshop on Friday's. Children who participated in the workshop have flower and herb gardens at their homes. Every child in the class participated in the preparation of the soil, painting of signs, and planting of the greenery for their classmates. There are also several green areas at OSA which the children have developed. In January, a friend of the Campos' donated 40 trees for our backyard. Even though water is often scarce in the summertime, we're working hard to maintain the plants in order to help Lima's air quality and encourage others. One neighboring family has already begun watering part of OSA's garden on their own early in the morning. We're thankful for all of the help we've received and are excited to see new life around the sports complex.



**A New Focus** For most of January our team worked intensely on building a logical framework matrix for all of OSA's projects and activities. It was to be a learning process for us all, so we each completed our sections and helped others along as they struggled. Part of it was just putting into words what we've done for years, but another part was to better connect all of our goals to one unified purpose. It was difficult at times, especially the long hours into the night. In the end though we joked about our struggles and laughed at the silly ideas we had had when our minds couldn't focus any longer. We are all excited to begin the program this year knowing that we have a great plan for the future.

**A New Look for the Kitchen** With the help of many supporters, this month we have begun the renovation of the OSA kitchen. For those of you who have been able to visit us, you know how cramped the old kitchen was. If you can picture it, the kitchen will now extend to the outer wall in the back! The changes have been coming along nicely. The new kitchen will have a bigger pantry, more practical sinks and counter space, a table for the mothers to eat at, a serving window and an outside cleaning area as well. We are excited about our new kitchen. It will make it possible for us to do more and be more efficient with the lunch program. Thank you so much! We are greatly appreciative!



**Adventure 1: Santiago, Chile.** For our Christmas and New Year holiday this year, we decided to do a much needed family vacation in Santiago. Chris lived there for about 2 years, so it was nice for him to go back and see old friends and rekindle old friendships. It was a time of refreshment, not only spiritually, but as a family. We were able to concentrate on our precious little boys the whole time. Highlights from the trip: greenery, the swimming pool, the zoos, the subway trains, the parks every day, visiting Chris's friends, the ocean (Viña del Mar), the clean air, just to name a few. We had a relaxing Christmas day and New Year's Eve. Chris prepared a delicious Christmas dinner! What a blessing to have a hubby that loves to cook. J

**Adventure 2: Swimming Lessons for Joshua.** We needed to find an activity for Joshua that he could do this summer while he is not in school. At first he wasn't too keen on the idea of swim lessons. He said it was too cold and he was scared to go underwater and trust the foam aids. After many classes, and now with Chris or me in the water with him, he is doing much better. He seems to be enjoying the classes, although he says it is still too cold. *I must agree it is a little breezy down in the valley.* J

**Adventure 3: Diego our tumbler.** To make a long story short, Diego is now in his tumbling stage. If he is not tripping over his own feet, he is finding ways to fall. He has fallen off of his bed during the night. Then Joshua accidentally left the door open and mommy was in the back and he escaped and *slid* (luckily) down our stairs. He is climbing anywhere and everywhere! Praise the Lord his guardian angel is working overtime!



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***Attention!! April's Medical/ Dental/ Construction Campaign***

- When:** April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Where:** Collique, Peru
  - Who:** Lots of fun and cool people who love the Lord and want to serve others
  - Contact:** Ruth Campos  
281-464-8525
- Join us, we would love to serve alongside you!***