

Introducing the new OSA missionaries



Kees and Elizabett Abbring are the new full time OSA missionaries. Monday, August 15, was their first official work day and in the end of that week they moved into the apartment in the OSA house.

Kees is a native of the Netherlands. He served for almost a year on the maintenance department of Wycliffe Bible translators in Cameroon, Africa, where he managed that department for about five months.

Elizabett was born and raised in Lima, Peru. She was part of different short term mission trips while she was a student at Baptist University of the Américas (BUA), in San Antonio, TX. These trips brought her to Peru, Mexico and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

Elizabett graduated from BUA with a BA in Theology (2006) and Business Leadership (2011) and Kees with a BA in Theology (2011).

Kees is originally an electrical engineer and Elizabett has worked as a network coordinator.

From their early childhood they have been active in their churches and served God in different ministries like children's choirs,

youth, Bible study, evangelism, etc.

How OSA?

The President of BUA, René Maciel, knew about the Abbring's call to serve God in Peru. In April, when they both were one month from graduation, he heard of the open position at OSA, he thought of them and shared the information.

The week before graduation (May 14), President Maciel met with Dr. Campos in Houston and shared his experience with Kees and Elizabett. A few days after graduation, Kees talked with Dr. Campos by phone and the first meeting was scheduled.

Peru

In Peru, they planned meetings with several organizations, which God put on their path over the last year.

On Monday, June 13, they met Dr. Campos and his wife Ruth in Lima and visited the OSA house in Collique. Kees shared, "The morning of the visit, I read in Ezekiel about visions and prayed that God showed me visions if OSA was the place where He wants us to serve Him. He did. We still had other meetings scheduled, but while visiting

other places where missionaries of other organizations are serving, God continued to point us to OSA. 'What these missionaries are doing here, I want you to do in Collique.'" In the beginning of July, the Abbrings informed the OSA board about God's call to work for OSA in Collique.



Kees and Elizabett with some of the children at the front door

Needs

Since that time, they met with the program director, Blanca, to go over the urgent needs. One of these was a teacher for mathematics for the 6th grade. Kees loves math, but his Spanish is not sufficient at the moment, so Elizabett is teaching this semester.

Further, they work with the teenagers on Saturdays. This semester, the group exists of nine of last year's 6th graders, who have been in the program for five years. In the afternoon, some of this year's 6th graders join them.

They will also work with the families of these teenagers. Dr. Campos shared with them the strong spiritual need he has noticed over the last years. He wants them to focus on these needs.



Elizabett teaching mathematics

Behind the name

We have chosen to name this newsletter 'Heartbeat Collique.' The Merriam-Webster dictionary gives as one of the definitions of 'heartbeat,' "the vital center or driving impulse." With this newsletter we hope to make you, the reader, part of the work of OSA here in Collique. Our prayer is that OSA may be a vital center in this part of Lima, but more specifically we pray that God uses OSA as an instrument to transform the lives of the people, that Jesus may be their heartbeat, the vital center and driving impulse.

Besides the OSA website and social media, this newsletter will be the channel of news and happenings at OSA and in Collique. Please, print it and distribute it among family and friends and in your church and church groups. Even though Kees and Elizabeth will be the main contributors to this newsletter, we plan to include articles highlighting the work of the other OSA staff members. In this way, our friends and supporters will become more acquainted with the entire OSA family in Peru.



Welcome party with the OSA team and neighbors



Comedor San Andrés

In August, OSA started a three month pilot project in the community center a few blocks up to road from the OSA house, because we noticed the great needs of the poorest people, living in the higher areas of Collique. These people have the highest level of malnutrition and we sensed God's call to help children and pregnant mothers. At the moment, three days a week—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday—49 people receive lunch.

Four women from the area prepare the food—using USAID food provided by Buckner—for these people. One of the women is Giovanna, one of the mothers who prepared food for the children in the OSA house before. She learned the calculation of quantities of ingredients, the preparation process, working in a team, and the preparation of a Kardex and inventory. With this experience she is able to lead this group. Giovanna feels very blessed with this opportunity. Even though, her life is not easy with the sickness of her daughter, it is not an excuse, she is part of this project and she enjoys it. These women do not receive a salary for this work, only a little offering. They know their community and their needs. This has moved them to collaborate in this project. Comedor San Andrés is not only a way of feeding people physically, it is also a way of teaching people the love of God. The people are learning to pray and give thanks to the Lord for the food they receive. For many of them, this is the first time they have prayed to God before eating. This project is creating a step of faith in the lives of some of them since they are experiencing God's love in tangible ways. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. May God touch their hearts and transform their lives.

Upcoming Events

- Paseo Familiar – OSA family outing Sunday, September 25th
- Fall Mission Trip October 7-15

Please, PRAY with us for

- Comedor San Andrés
- Upcoming Fall Mission Trip
- OSA family outing
- OSA Children and families
- OSA Staff
- Kees and Elizabeth's ministry

Heart for Peru

Before we came to Peru we started the blog 'Heart for Peru' to keep our friends and family up to date on our mission, ministry, and activities. We will continue to write regularly on our blog. The blog also contains several pages with background information about us and our calling.

You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter and we have a YouTube Channel ready to post videos we hope to make of our work at OSA and in Collique. On the blog are links to the various social media.

Our Blog: <http://heartforperu.wordpress.com/>

Bendiciones, Kees and Elizabeth



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