



Operación  
**SAN ANDRÉS**  
...five barley loaves and two fishes,  
but what are they among so many?  
John 6:9

# HEARTBEAT

## Collique

News and Happenings at Operación San Andrés – Collique, Lima, Peru

June - July, 2012

## Youth Mission Trips to Collique

We were blessed to have two youth groups visiting us in Collique this summer, well actually winter. Usually this time of the year, Lima is covered with clouds, mist and fog, and on many winter days, morning and evening drizzle is a common occurrence. Thank God that we had only a few of these days in the weeks these groups were with us, so all outdoor activities could go on.

The first group came in the second week of June. This was a group of high school students from South Main Baptist Church Houston. For all leaders and some of the youth it wasn't the first time at OSA, as youth groups from SMBC have visited Collique twice before.

They did a VBS with the OSA children titled "Fruits of the Spirit." Each day the focus was on different fruits. One morning they went to the preschool "Jose Galvito" behind OSA. OSA has been designated by the Peruvian

metal shelves to the OSA families, which they delivered in groups and assembled them in the house. In this way they got to observe the living situation of the children which gave them a realistic impression of life in the 4th zone of Collique.

On Saturday morning, their last day, the girls hosted a SPA morning for the mothers. Susan Moore who was leading the event said it was one of the most beautiful pictures



regular week of classes. One of the girls in the group has a passion for sewing. She hooked up some sewing machines and taught the middle school girls to sew headbands.

On the first day of their trip, a group of eight started scraping the paint on the front wall of the preschool to get it ready for painting. In shifts they worked earnestly morning and afternoon and by Thursday they finished the whole wall.

They continued delivering the shelving units to the families, where the South Main group left off. On Friday afternoon, their last day, they hosted a block party in the 5th zone of Collique. Several children showed up; they had their face painted and a photo taken. It was a great way to make OSA known to the people in that part of Collique.

Both groups shared that they observed a difference between the children of the



Educational Ministry as the official "sponsor" of this preschool, where we daily provide a nutritious lunch and vitamin supplements for the children. It turned out to be a great experience for all. The little children loved the visit of the "gringos." Some of the youth practiced a dance with beach balls with the OSA children, which they all got to perform at a block party they hosted on their last day in Collique. Beside all the activities with the children, they also painted the front wall and patio of the OSA house as well as some walls in the back. Furthermore, they donated

of service and love she had ever witnessed. In the meantime, the boys set up a block party on a soccer field in the community. Both events turned out to be a success.

The first week of July we received a youth group from First Baptist Church Norman (OK). Their focus with the OSA children was on sports. The program included volleyball, soccer, football, and kickball. The crafts that were part of the sports program included a backpack, which they decorated themselves, and a football shaped pillow. The children had a blast. It was a nice break from a



preschool and the children of OSA, both in their behavior and their physical appearance. For us it's an encouragement to continue what we are doing.

Looking back at these two weeks, we can say that God was in it. The groups did different programs based on the talents and gifts of the youth. We are thankful for the service of both groups to the children and families of OSA and the community in which we work! Finally, it was God Who blessed us all, the people of Collique and the youth on the trips.

## Interns at OSA

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, Jordan Williams and Lauren Jones came to Collique to join the OSA team as interns for two months.

Jordan is a junior at University of Oklahoma studying Elementary Education. Lauren is a senior at OU studying International Business and Finance with minors in Spanish and Nonprofit.

They have lived with Kees and Elizabett in the apartment on the third floor of the OSA house.

Lauren has worked with four mothers and one father on their business ventures. The businesses vary from a small store with daily necessities to a hair salon and a rent-a-washing machine business.

"At first, I was worried if I could even build the confidence with the people," Lauren said, "but the first week I learned that my Spanish was of a sufficient level to converse with the people, who were very accepting."

Lauren has been visiting with the business

owners once a week, first to get to know the business with all ins and outs and then working out a business plan with goals for business continuation and growth.

"At first it was difficult to find a starting point, because I was surprised by the size of the businesses, which actually are micro-micro businesses," she noted, "but over the weeks God answered many prayers and guided me in the process."

"I believe I helped them and gave them structure," she added. "I am looking forward to coming back during one of the campaigns to check on them."

Jordan was invited by Lauren to join her on this trip. She is planning on doing long term missions in the future.

"Although this was my first time outside the US, I felt at home pretty soon after arrival," Jordan said.

The first weeks she helped in the classes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. "It was challenging because of

the Spanish, but I was overjoyed when I got the opportunity to teach some classes," she pointed out.

We asked them what they will take home. Lauren said that this experience has softened her heart for accepting people into her life, as that is what the people she worked with did. Also she has more confidence that she can do things like this. Jordan shared that she believes that this is part of God's plan preparing her for future missions.

OSA hopes to continue helping the small business in Collique.

In addition to the work in Collique, Kees and Elizabett took them to some cultural sites in Lima and restaurants to share the Peruvian cuisine.

We are thankful for their humble service and hard work in whatever we put on their plate.

We pray God's blessing on their studies and life and we hope to meet again.



Lauren setting up a business plan with Sr. Martin



Jordan and Lauren



Jordan helping Baleria during one of her classes

Visit South Main Baptist Church's missions blog to read more about their time in Collique at <http://www.smbc.org/share/missions/>  
Stories and photos of FBC Norman's experience at <http://iheartfbcym.posterous.com/>

## Passport to Peru

Join Dr. Luis Campos and Mrs. Ruth Campos for a fundraiser benefitting Operación San Andrés on Friday, September 14, 2012 from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. in The Crystal Ballroom at The Rice, Houston, Texas.

To register go to <http://www.passportoperu.org/>

For questions about this event, send an email to [passportoperuosa@gmail.com](mailto:passportoperuosa@gmail.com)

### Bible verse of the month

"My command is this:  
Love each other as I have loved you."  
John 15:12

## Upcoming Events

August 1-15

- Winter break

August 20

- Classes at OSA resume

August 26

- Marriage Course

September 14

- Fundraiser "Passport to Peru"

## Please, PRAY with us for

- Children and their school work
- Jordan and Lauren, who returned home after two months in Collique
- Marriage course for parents of OSA children and couples from the community
- The health of the children and their families and the personnel during the winter months

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