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**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

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## The Light of God's Love...

When we think back on the last couple of weeks in Collique, Graham Kendrick's song "Shine, Jesus, shine" comes to mind. The song starts as follows, "Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining."

The light of God's love was shining when we took the families in our program on the annual outing, the last day of September.

The light of God's love was shining through the group during the fall medical and construction campaign the second week of October.

The light of God's love was shining on Saturday, October 13, when nine couples were married and two couples renewed their vows, after they followed a marriage course in which they learned about the meaning of marriage in the light of God's Word.

We look forward to how His light may shine forth through these newlyweds in their families and communities.

We feel truly privileged and blessed that God in His mercy uses us and those on the mission trips to shine His light among the people of Collique. Even better, He is not only using us and those who come to Collique, He is also using the local people in reaching out to their neighbors.

If you would like to help shine the light of God's love in Collique, consider being part of a future OSA mission team. See next page for more information.



### Fall Mission Trip

The most recent medical, dental, construction and VBS campaign took place October 8-12. For the first time, the medical clinic was located in the Lutheran Church one block from the OSA house.

This time we really wanted to focus on the poorer areas of Collique. The week before the campaign, the OSA Peru team went up in the hills of Collique to post posters and hand out flyers to the people to create awareness of the campaign.

As before, the people were waiting in line for the inscriptions the week before the campaign. They had been waiting for the US doctors to arrive.

They didn't only come from Collique. People here pass the word to their family members in other parts of Peru. Dr. Sam Law said, "I saw a 76 year old woman who had travelled by bus from the Amazon jungle, over the Andes, and all the way to Collique to be seen in our clinic. She was also visiting family in Lima, but had come at this time because she had heard that we were going to be in Collique. She seemed reassured after I examined her and talked to her. It didn't seem like much to me, but it was very important to her. God uses our gifts in ways that we cannot imagine."

Dr. Luis Campos shared with the team that the promotion in the higher parts of Collique

could be recognized in the health problems of the patients. "At some moments, it was depressive to see such needs, but it affirmed the reason of us being here," he said.

The light of God's love is not only shining, it is also making an impact. Daniel Alcazar, who has been on former trips, noted, "I have noticed a change in the way people behave as they wait to be seen." He also talked with a lady who came to the campaign last year. "She found out she had cancer through a pap smear conducted in our clinic last year. She is now cancer free after receiving treatment at a local hospital," he shared.

Besides the medical clinic situated in the church, the OSA house was the location of the dental, eye, and ear clinics. There was also a team to do VBS with the children of the OSA program and their friends and a smaller group that completed some construction projects in the community.

The VBS team taught the children about Moses and how his life is a testimony of an existing God who has a plan for our lives. We pray that the stories and testimonies of the group will have an impact in their lives as they continue to grow.

May the love God shines through us be recognized by the people we interact with each day as we continue to minister to these precious people in Collique.

"Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory."



## Group Wedding

Saturday, October 13, the day after the campaign, was the big day eleven couples had been waiting for; some of them for many years.

These couples participated in a Christian marriage course "Felizmente Casados" (Happily Married), which OSA started in May. The course helped the couples to enrich their relationships and thereby improve the dynamics of the relationship of the whole family including the children.

The idea of the course started because many of the couples in our community don't have a formalized marriage for different reasons; the economic situation is one of them.

"The "Felizmente Casados" classes were held once each month under the direction of a Christian pastor couple, Angel and Charito



Zamora. Course materials included topics such as: marriage is a pact, one flesh, functions of each partner, forgiveness, sexual intimacy, communication, and prayer in the marriage.

Charo, OSA's social worker, made sure all the legal paperwork was completed correctly and Elizabett planned the course and religious wedding. During the final week of preparations and on the morning of the ceremony, the whole team worked hard to make it an unforgettable day for these families.

Members of the OSA mission team (with the exception of those who needed to return to the US early) attended the marriage ceremony, during which Dr. Luis Campos and his wife, Ruth, also renewed their vows. It was an emotional experience for Ruth and Luis to see these couples and their children whom they

have known for more than six years dressed in wedding attire and exchanging Christian marriage vows.

After the ceremony, the couples went to their homes to celebrate with their families and friends. Kees and Elizabett represented OSA in some of the weddings. "I thank God for providing everything for this marriage course and wedding," said Elizabett, "but I am even more thankful for the couples who in front of all their family and friends thanked God for this day and all they learned from the course."



Visit our Facebook page for more pictures of the campaign and wedding.

<https://www.facebook.com/operacionnsanandres>



## Annual Family Outing

Sunday, September 30, was the annual family outing. The idea of this event is to give the families time to spend together.

The families were divided over four groups. After arrival at the campground the group leaders did a devotional based on Psalm 127.

Then it was time for games. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were divided in two groups and had their own games. The middle school students and their family members played another series of games. It was great to see the teams work together.

### Bible verse of the month

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me."

John 15:26

After the games it was time for lunch. In the afternoon, most children went to the swimming pool, others played volleyball, others went for a walk to the nearby river, and others took a nap.

We look back on a great day and we are thankful for our supporters who made this day possible.



Excited after reading this newsletter? Please contact Ruth Campos for additional information about future OSA mission trips.

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## Please, PRAY with us for

- The couples that got married and their families
- The patients that were seen during the campaign
- Planning for next year
- Children in their last months of the school year

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