



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

May, 2013

### Spring Mission Trip

The third week of April was the annual Spring Mission Trip. Again a dedicated group of people came to Collique. On the Saturday before the campaign they came to set things up. The medical staff focused on the clinic in the OSA house and the construction team visited the projects the OSA Peru team had lined up for them.

#### Construction

The three projects were little houses, which were bigger than any of the projects in former campaigns. Before the campaign, Kees—OSA’s missionary living in Collique—made sure concrete slabs were put in place in anticipation and all material was on the job sites before the start of the campaign. The three teams were able to finish their projects and see the smiles on the faces of the families they got to know during the five days of construction. Beth Humphrey, who completed her third mission trip to Collique, made the following comment on the last day of the campaign: “Today we finished a 16’ by 24’ home with cement floors. It also had three bedrooms and a living room area. To see the faces on the family as we showed them their new home was worth every aching bone in my body.”

#### Medical Clinic

OSA is privileged to have such dedicated and God fearing people on its mission trips. Sometimes we can get caught up in the task we think God wants us to accomplish, but first of all He wants us to be attentive to His

voice. Dr. Ray Verm shared about a patient he saw on Thursday. The patient had advanced inoperable stomach cancer. On returning to the hotel that evening Dr. Ray

found some stronger medication for this patient. On Friday, he said, “we googled his address and walked to his house to visit him and gave him the medicine. I prayed with him. His wife told me that she had a dream last night in which I visited her husband.” Dr. Ray said, “what if I hadn’t answered God’s call to visit him?”



The mission team before heading to Sunday morning’s worship service



Checking blood pressure in triage

Dee Dee, the pharmacist on the latest trips, had worked hard to create a new patient control system. Over 400 patients that were seen during this week, were entered in a database and their paperwork is archived in separate folders.

This system will help us in following medical campaigns and when we start with online video conferencing consults. Dr. Ray will be the one to first start using this system to check on his patients more regularly.

We are thankful for our friend and donor, Nat Gist, for providing server space as well as hardware and know-how on the use of this system, which we already use for online classes (see article on the next page).

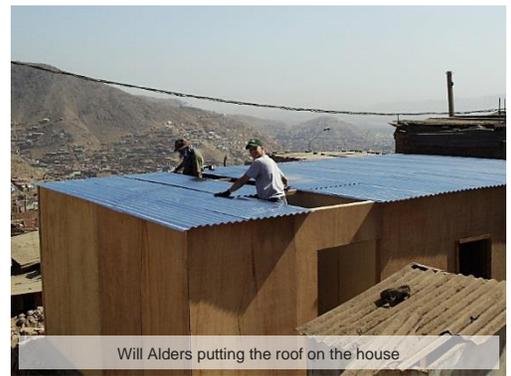
#### New young faces

We were fortunate to have two new young fellows on this team, which was a blessing to all of us. They had a great first experience in Collique. Will Alders, one of them, said: “Today, a little girl in her school uniform was walking back home after school at the same time that we were walking back to our worksite after lunch. She walked up to me and my group with a big smile. She came to me, said a cheerful “Gracias”, and then pulled me down and kissed me on the cheek.” It shows how grateful the people are to receive groups like this, who come to Collique to share the love of Christ by building shelter or providing medical care.

Another participant on this trip shared her observation, “We saw over and over how the community of Collique is working together to love each other and God loves us.” If you want to be part of an experience like this check the next page of this newsletter for contact information.



Entering patient data in our new database



Will Alders putting the roof on the house

## Playground Set

On the last day of the medical campaign, a newly installed playground set in the play area of José Galvito was inaugurated. José Galvito is a preschool located behind the OSA house, where OSA provides a nutritious lunch and vitamin supplements for the children who are enrolled in the school.

The new playground set replaces old and unsafe equipment and was purchased with a donation from the Peruvian American Medical Society (PAMS) Auxiliary.

The children couldn't wait to climb on the new set after some words of the director, Dr. Campos, and the police officer of the 4<sup>th</sup> zone of Collique.



## Solidarity in Action

One of the values we focus on this year with the children is solidarity. Teaching values is one thing, but how we put Christian values into actions is even more important.

The middle school students painted some houses in the community and the third graders brought some clothes and/or toys from home and we purchased some school supplies, which we wrapped in gift paper. Then we went a little further in Collique and let the children give their items to children and families they thought could use it. It was a great experience of solidarity in action.



## Teaching Vitamins



Each week, the mothers of the children in OSA's after school program have a two hour workshop given by Charo, OSA's social worker.

Last month, the mothers prepared a theater for their own children. The theme of the theater was healthy eating. Charo divided the mothers in three groups. Each group met together several times during the weeks before the theater to prepare their part, complete with costumes.

It was great to see some mothers overcome some of their fears, like speaking in public. The children learned the importance of healthy eating from their mothers. We hope and pray the mothers practice these teachings in their homes.

## English Classes



Tuesday, April 2, was the first English class for the morning group of middle school students. Before we switched the screen to show the teacher, we let them guess. What a surprise it was for them to see Jessica Rose (OSA's former on-site missionary), who is happy to teach her former students again.

The online video conferencing software is a great way to involve others in the work in Collique. We are looking into more ways of using this system.

## Upcoming Events

May 26

- Course "The Father's Blessing" and "Sexual Integrity"
- Ceremony during which the fathers bless their children and teenagers make a commitment to sexual abstinence until marriage.

June 8

- Workshop "How to make your husband happy"

June 15

- Worship Service

October 4-12

- Fall Mission Trip

## Please, PRAY with us for

- Teenagers in OSA's after school program
- Ceremony on May 26
- Upcoming Online Video Conferencing Consults
- God's guidance in our search in how to address the needs in Collique
- Three patients with cancer that came to the campaign

### Bible verse of the month

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

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

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