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...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

October, 2013

## The beauty that exists

The week of October 7-11, a mission team of 51 visited Collique for the annual fall mission trip. This trip included a medical and construction campaign and VBS for the children.

The medical team consisted of some five doctors with various specializations and a gynecologist, who together saw over 700 patients; two dentists who treated 90 patients; and an eye clinic where 220 patients were checked. Also, pastoral care was available where patients received Biblical counseling and prayer.

measurements were taken. In the afternoon, while at the Houston airport waiting for their flight to Lima, the team received an email of the incident. During their trip to Lima they had food for thought.

On Saturday, when the team was in Collique to set up for the campaign of the following week, the construction team visited the scheduled projects and the burned house. On Sunday, the decision was made to help this family. Thanks to the addition of two members of Union Church of Lima, the construction team finished the scheduled

There are many more stories about the beauty that exists during a week of medical and construction campaign. This mission team included about 20 people for whom it was their first OSA mission trip to Peru.

Those are the ones that help the others to see again the beauty that exists in the people who are served.

Susan Young, who served as assistant to the optometrist in the eye clinic this trip, shared about a conversation with a young lady. Susan said “when I decided to come to Peru, I asked God if he would use me.” She



The mission team knows to always keep two important words in mind, while working on the mission field. These words are ‘patience’ and ‘flexibility.’ The construction team was especially tested on their flexibility, the projects lined up for them were a house, a double bedroom, and replacing a rotten railing.

However, on Thursday night before the campaign a house close to one of the scheduled projects caught fire which destroyed most of the house and possessions of the family. The following day some of the OSA team visited the burned house with a donation of clothes and

projects and a new house for the unfortunate family. Through God’s provision in all needs, the family and workers were truly blessed.

Heather Mustain, on her first trip to Collique, said that many friends and family members told her about the beauty of Peru, but before she was here, it was hard to understand. In a note she wrote in the end of the week she stated, “I now understand. I understand the beauty that exists despite the ugliness that poverty creates.” About the help the group provided she wrote, “I understand the beauty that exists while standing in a newly semi-constructed home for a single mother whose home recently burned.”

humbly told that sharing about Jesus with this young lady was such a blessing and an answer to her prayer.

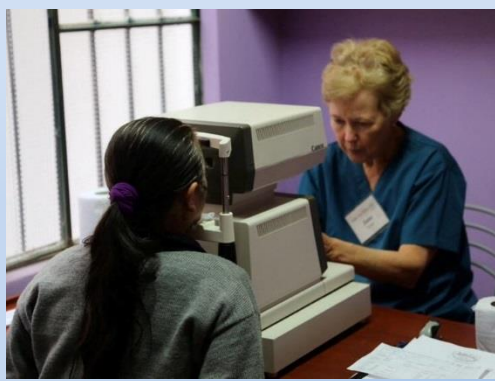
Kristy Wade, who was part of the VBS team, wrapped it all up at the end of the week saying “We became a cohesive unit even as we were scattered around the mountain. People saw a need and rushed to fulfill it. We ran out of supplies and more appeared. God paved a path for us here and we leave behind improvements in this place, as we also leave enriched ourselves.”

Like Heather said, “Beauty exists everywhere, because God is everywhere.”



## Autorefractor

The mission group brought a refurbished autorefractor for the OSA eye clinic. It had been purchased with donations. The eye clinic team was very excited to use this table mounted machine to improve their service to the people of Collique. Jane Verm said "this machine can actually read how the light goes into the eye, which is exactly what causes the prescription a person needs. It gave us excellent results."



## Annual Family Outing

Sunday, September 29, was the annual family outing. This year, the destination of the outing was a campground to the east of Lima.

The families were divided into four groups and each group was assigned a name and color. Each group was led by two OSA staff members, who helped with making banners and songs.

The morning was reserved for a short Bible study followed by games. After the lunch, which the families had to take care of themselves, the swimming pool was the place where most of the children and many parents could be found.



The families were really appreciative of the great day OSA offers them each year.

## Youth Group

Last July, we started regular youth group sessions for teenagers 12 to 16 years of age. The meetings are every two weeks on Saturday at the OSA house. For the first meeting, we only invited the middle school students who participate in the OSA after school program and the brothers and sisters of the children in the third grade group. Later, we opened it up for their friends. Since then the average attendance has been eighteen.

Noe, a student at the seminary where we took the youth on camp in February, and his fiancé, Karina, are helping Kees and Elizabett lead the meetings. Kees was concerned that they might not really like the program, but after three meetings they asked why it could not be every Saturday...

Mauro, who teaches Bible classes to the middle school students, recognizes the effect of the youth group on these teens. "In the beginning of the year, I wanted to sing songs with them, but whatever I tried, they didn't want to sing. Now, they ask me to search a

certain song on the internet and they all sing along," he said.

Last weekend, the Abbrings hosted two pajama parties in their living room. One for the girls and one for the boys. For the adolescents, of whom some spent their first night outside their house, it was an unforgettable experience. It was a blessing to see the groups so united and, in addition to the games and chitchatting, we were able to have good conversations and reflection on the movie we showed.



## Happy Anniversary!!!

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, was the first anniversary of the couples who got married last year after following the marriage course.

To celebrate this special day, OSA organized a special thanksgiving worship service with Pastor Angel Zamora, who married the couples last year, as guest speaker.

The OSA staff is glad to report the positive influence of the course in the lives of these couples and that they are serving as role models for their families and community.

## Upcoming Events

October 29

- Telemedicine Consults

November 24

- Worship Service

## Please, PRAY with us for

- Youth Group
- Following Online Video Conferencing Consults
- Plans for next year, as we are working on the details

### Bible verse of the month

"Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Excited after reading this newsletter?

Please contact Ruth Campos for additional information about future OSA mission trips.

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