



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

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## SMBC Youth Mission Trip to Collique

The second week of June, a youth group from South Main Baptist Church Houston (SMBC) came to Collique for their bi-annual mission trip to Peru.

On Sunday they came to Collique to worship the Lord with the people of Collique in their weekly worship service. For the occasion a tent was rented to hold all the people, as the usual "sanctuary" is on the second floor of the OSA house. Some unusual heavy drizzle was falling on Collique and the tent for three hours prior to the service, but it stopped right before the service began and all could praise the Lord and hear His Word in both Spanish and English.

One of the leaders on the trip was the church's minister of music, who brought his talents and energy for a week filled with music. Both the OSA children and teenagers loved

the music and learning new songs. The week's theme song was a Spanish translation of "Take my life and let it be."

For the teenagers it took some days before the ice broke, but the leaders agreed that after that happened it was just great to see them all mingle so well.

During each visit OSA wants to give the youth an opportunity to go into the community



SMBC youth were able to spend several hours with families in the community. The painting project was one in which all the youth were able to participate, and it was beneficial, highly visible, and economical.

On the last day they organized a block party on a soccer field in the community, which included an afternoon of games, sports, music, and a performance of the songs they had practiced during the week. The OSA youth also wrote their own song, which they sang as well.

On afternoons like that it's obvious that language barriers easily dissolve with games, sports, and music.

While the SMBC youth came to serve and bless the people of Collique, they left with blessed hearts and an unforgettable week in "another world."



where the OSA-house is located. In earlier trips they built chicken coops and shelving units for the families that participate in OSA's programs. On this trip the OSA team thought it would be good to let the youth paint some houses higher up the hill, which they got to choose themselves.

There were many benefits to the house painting project. Different groups among the



days during their week in Collique they went to José Galvito preschool to distribute the hats and scarves among the children.

It's that moment the photographer got to take a picture of those cute faces decorated with their just received hats and scarves...

On behalf of the children and their families, a big thank you to "Knit 1 Peru 2" for

their time, love, and support which help to keep these precious children a little warmer during the cold and humid winter months.

### From Texas with Love

The SMBC youth group brought many knitted hats and scarves to Collique. Knitted by the group "Knit 1 Peru 2." This is a group of women that has been meeting every other week for some years making hats, scarves, and other woolen materials. On one of the



## Un Trato por el Buen Trato

In May, we organized a special event in collaboration with Red Viva, a nonprofit organization which focusses on bringing lasting change for children. The slogan for the event was "Un Trato por el Buen Trato," a phrase encouraging all people to treat each other with respect. The focus of this campaign



was especially on parents/adults treating (their) children with respect.

This project was especially impactful since the children and adolescents themselves, under the direction of leaders, were the voice of this campaign.

After some weeks of special classes and training about the topic, the children and adolescents raised awareness for the event with a march through the community, during which they handed out flyers and talked with the people about this important topic.

Saturday, May 3rd, was the so-called vaccination day. The adolescents went out in the community to "vaccinate" their parents and other adults by sharing a special brochure with "ten commandments to treat children well" created by themselves. If the person agreed



on signing the commitment, they received a key hanger.

In the afternoon was a special closing program for the Buen Trato campaign in front of the police office of the 4th zone of Collique. There was theater, singing, and more adults got "vaccinated." We reached our goal to "vaccinate" 300 adults with a total of 338.

## Weekly Worship Services

The last Sunday of March we started with weekly worship services in the conference room on the second floor of the OSA house. As most churches in Collique hold their worship services in the evening, we chose to also have the services at 6pm.

Since the start we have had an average of over thirty in attendance.

For the services the room is decorated with a curtain to give it a different look than during the activities for which it's utilized during the week.

Since the OSA youth are accustomed to singing during the Saturday youth group meetings, we have formed a youth music group to lead in the weekly worship. It's wonderful to see that this also helps them grow in their faith.



The worship services are filling a need that has existed since the cell groups were started two years ago. Several mothers have grown in their relationship with Jesus and are faithfully coming to the meetings. Some already brought guests to the service.

## Upcoming Events

July 20

- Next session Marriage Course

August 1-15

- Winter break

October 13-17

- Medical Campaign

## Please, PRAY with us for

- Physical health of the community as cold and wet weather sets in
- OSA children and families
- New 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher
- OSA staff and their families

## Telemedicine Campaign

The same week the SMBC youth were in Collique, there was a special 4-day



telemedicine campaign. Dr. Ray Verm was at home in the US and Dr. Natalia Vargas in the OSA house. Together they saw 40 patients. Dr. Ray said "These were all difficult diabetics and patients with chronic uncontrolled hypertension that were seen last February in the last medical campaign and needed closer follow-up. All of them were doing pretty well given their circumstances. Each received enough medications from Ruth and Julia to last until the next medical campaign in October."

*On the photo Dr. Natalia Vargas with a patient and Dr. Ray Verm on the screen.*

### Bible verse of the month

**"Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong then guide me on the road to eternal life."**

**Psalms 139:23-24**

Visit the Facebook page for more pictures of the activities.

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