

COOL QUOTE

Low-sunk life imagines itself weary of life, but it is death, not life, it is weary of.

George MacDonald, *Second Series, Life*

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professed his faith in Christ.

Ten thousand lay ministers in Peru are being mobilized for literature distribution and Bible work. Ty is invited to follow this up with evangelistic meetings in October, schedule permitting. Light Bearers plans to ship a container of literature to the Puno, Lake Titicaca region. We have worked with people all over the world, and have never found a more organized and motivated laity.

They will use all the literature we can send. However, a new obstacle has arisen. Since our first shipment in 2000, new laws are in place barring the shipping of religious materials into Peru. Church leaders are working to clear the way for another shipment, so please pray that God's Spirit will prevail and the door will be opened. Your support for this project and many others is vitally needed *now*.

LIFT HIM UP

3ABN Schedule (Sky Angel Channel 9710)

Tuesday—4:30 p.m. (PST), 10:30 p.m. (PST)

Thursday—11:00 a.m. (PST)

Saturday—10:30 a.m. (PST)

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heartfelt commitment to Jesus. Changed lives is what the Christ of the cross is all about. Hold up the cross and the Christ of the cross will do the rest. "And I, if I am lifted

up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself" (John 12:32, NKJ).

Thank you, Ty, for making a difference for Christ in Peru.

JULY 2004

Events Schedule

- **July 6-10**
LBM Convocation, Malo, WA
☎(509)779-4444
- **July 14-16**
Gladstone Camp Meeting, OR
Ty Gibson—☎(503)652-2225
- **August 4-7**
National ASI—Cincinnati, OH
Ty Gibson—☎(301)680-6450
- **August 4-8**
Varnhem, Sweden
James & Risé Rafferty—☎46-511-601-75
lgl@privat.utfors.se
- **August 13-21**
New Zealand
Ty Gibson—leanne@papsda.co.nz
- **August 20-21**
Omak SDA Church, WA
Herb Montgomery—☎(509)994-3052
- **August 27–September 5**
Romania
Ty Gibson—prikler@fx.ro
- **September 17-18**
Volunteer Park SDA Church, WA
James Rafferty—☎(206)860-1909
- **September 24-25**
Panhandle Camp Meeting, Scottsbluff, NE
Ty Gibson—☎(308)436-0008
- **September 24-25**
Sacramento Central SDA Church Youth, CA
Herb Montgomery—☎(916)457-6511
- **September 27–October 2**
Blue Mt. Academy Week of Prayer, PA
Ty Gibson—☎(610)562-6933

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MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry

Caravan of Power Kick Off

BY AMALIA "MALI" C. MARIN

For the past six years, our family has lived and served as missionaries in the Amazon jungle of eastern Peru, South America. Over the years we have come to appreciate the Peruvian method of evangelization. Its success has motivated many well-known North American evangelists to hold public meetings throughout Peru, both to learn from the Peruvians as well as to create public interest in the gospel. This is precisely what the administration of the Lake Titicaca Mission had in mind when they invited Ty Gibson, Co-Director of Light Bearers Ministry, to kick off their Caravan of Power/Showers of Blessing 2004 campaign. It was my privilege to be Ty's translator.

Ty held two nightly, back-to-back meetings in the cities of Juliaca and Puno, Peru. From Sunday through Friday we held an early meeting in Juliaca, and as soon as we finished we'd jump in our driver's car and speed off to the second meeting in Puno, a one-hour drive away. On our second or third night, en route to

Puno, our chauffeur's vehicle died midway between the two cities. We eventually made it to our second meeting, but we were almost 45 minutes late! Despite the delay, our invited guests graciously waited for us, even though our nerves were frazzled by the experience!

Ty Gibson has a real gift for public speaking. The Peruvian people just loved his sense of humor and animated modern parables, especially the one where he picked up the translator! Translating for him was a lot of fun, as well as a practical learning experience. But the real proof of effective evangelism is in the lives that are forever changed by the power of the gospel.

Ty was asked to direct his messages to a select group of professionals. Ultimately he spoke to all levels of Peruvian society, because his nightly messages were aired on national Adventist radio programs. But in fact, there were many professionals who were drawn to his Christ-centered messages. Many people responded to the altar call in Juliaca, but the personal testimonies of four individuals who spoke with us after

the Puno meetings stand out most:

- The Vice Chancellor of Altiplano University. He and his wife had already decided to separate, but they attended Ty's meetings together anyway. After learning of God's unconditional love for them, they decided to remain together and work at saving their marriage.

- The retired Army officer. His voice broke twice as he told of how he had turned his back on the Lord in order to follow his career. He vowed to return to the God that he had long forsaken.

- Ruth, the homemaker. She had been crying during Ty's message. She shared her heartbreaking story of marital and financial difficulties and requested prayer to remain faithful to God.

- The young architect. Obviously moved by Ty's powerful message of acceptance and hope in Jesus Christ, this young professional requested Bible studies and thanked us over and over.

Each one of these precious people responded to Ty's messages by making a

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THE PERU STORY

The fourth period would again belong to the one true God when a messenger from a distant land would come to teach the people of the Creator of heaven and earth.

BY TY GIBSON

Over six hundred years ago, settlers from the northern regions of China crossed over Russia and the Bering Strait into what is now Alaska, migrated southward and settled in Peru. They brought with them a rich spiritual heritage that believed in one God who made all heaven and earth. Their Creator was good and required no human sacrifice, a widespread practice of Peru's growing Inca Empire. With passing generations, their tribe endured constant persecution by the larger Inca community. As they continued to proclaim the true God, their numbers diminished. In a final effort to eradicate these "strange" worshipers, the Inca chiefs invited the tribe's spiritual leaders to a special meeting. As the men journeyed from their families, all the men, women and children who were left behind were mercilessly slaughtered.

One of the remaining spiritual leaders then declared a prophecy to the Incas. Peru's history would be divided into four segments—the

first belonging to the original God-centered settlers, from whom his people were descended. The Inca Empire would rule the second period, with its multi-god worship and human sacrifice. The third period would witness an end to the Inca Empire when invading forces would nearly obliterate from Peru the knowledge of God, thus predicting the arrival of Spanish conquistadors, bringing pagan Catholicism, in 1533. The fourth period would again belong to the one true God when a messenger from a distant land would come to teach the people of the Creator of heaven and earth.

Peruvians widely believe that this fourth segment of prophecy was fulfilled by Fernando Stahl, an Adventist missionary doctor who arrived from America in the 1920's when Catholicism pervaded in its darkest form. Catholic politicians had passed laws forbidding the common people

to learn to read and write, ensuring their ignorance to more easily rule them. Dr. Stahl set up schools in direct conflict with this law. He determined to teach the poor to read the Bible firsthand that they may know Christ. Soon this strange foreigner's teachings were proclaimed throughout Peru—in fulfillment of the ancient prophecy.

As Stahl's influence spread and people eagerly learned to read and write, multiple attempts were made on his life. Dr. Stahl built a secret trap door in his house with an escape tunnel through a nearby hillside. He would often escape to safety through this passageway when priests incited mobs to surround his home.

Dr. Stahl found a key friend in one tribal chief who wanted his people educated to know the true God. He helped Stahl establish many schools and came under attack for aiding the missionary. Unable to

escape the priests' wrath, the chief was beheaded to frighten Stahl and the common people. But Dr. Stahl purposefully continued to plant schools. The chief's wife wrapped her husband's severed head in a cloth and took it on the long trek from the Lake Titicaca highlands to the capital city of Lima. There she begged an audience with those in authority. Repeatedly she was denied. Day after day she stood outside the capital building demanding a hearing. Finally she was allowed to state her case. In audience with the political leaders, she laid her husband's head on the desk and told of their efforts to educate the people, and how her husband had been martyred for this great cause. Through this woman's remarkable appeal, the law that forbade education to the indigent people was overturned and Dr. Stahl's schools became legal.

Light Bearers Ministry has

joined in Peru's powerful missionary heritage. In 2000 we shipped four million publications for free distribution by mission plane and small boats to the city of Iquitos, the largest landlocked city in the world, and to remote villages along the Amazon River. In 2001 Ty Gibson, Charles Lawson and Don Otis traveled to Peru to see how effectively the literature was used and how we might continue spreading the gospel in this country. Tears of joy testified to the impact of these materials in the city of Iquitos and in villages on the Amazon. The efforts of Bible workers and evangelists have already reaped over ten thousand commitments to Christ and baptisms due to the literature's influence within the first year of distribution.

In March of 2004, Ty and Sue Gibson and Don Otis joined other missionaries from The Quiet Hour in Peru again. Laboring this time

in Puno, along Lake Titicaca, the team conducted a building project, dental work, minor optometry, and children's ministry, while Ty held two evangelistic meetings nightly. Hundreds of aching teeth were pulled and hundreds of prescription glasses were fitted. Again through literature distribution and the nightly messages, many made decisions for Christ, including some from the highly educated and wealthier class. After one meeting, the vice chancellor of Altiplano University tearfully told how he and his wife were preparing for divorce before the meetings began, but each night God's love restored their love for each other and enabled them to move forward together. He had strayed from his commitment to God twenty years earlier to pursue wealth and professional prestige. Now one of the most influential men in the city, he openly

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