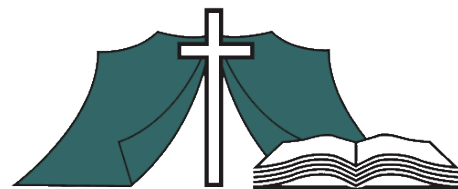


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New Home Office Missionaries



TBM is pleased to welcome the Ben and Sarah Cline family to its home office here in LaGrange. Ben will assume responsibilities as our new TBM business administrator upon the Clines' arrival in a few weeks. The Clines come to us from Utah where they served for eight years as TBM missionaries. Ben also brings with him an extensive background in banking. Two urgent needs remain during this transition.

1) The Clines need to raise the majority of their financial support as they embark on this new ministry. 2) There is a shortage of housing in LaGrange. Please pray that appropriate housing can be found for Ben and Sarah and their three children. **Note of praise:** The Clines' home in Utah has now sold which will allow them to make this move without additional financial concerns. Please uphold these faithful servants in your prayers.

Recent Additions to TBM Family

We rejoice in God's blessings as, in recent months, we have been allowed to partner with 12 new missionaries. Added to our ranks are:

John and Leann Miles - Utah; **Abi and Julie Ahumada** - Texas; **Daniel and Mattie Melendez** -Peru; **Mirco and Paola Franzini** - Italy; **Ronnie and Meela Heerah** - Trinidad...

Sara Bennet - Spain... and **Debbie Fellows** - Utah.

Each of these missionaries is currently serving in their respective mission fields, while at the same time seeking additional financial and prayer support for their ministry. If you have any questions about any of these fields or missionaries, please contact the TBM Home Office at: 307-834-2100

Fields of Service

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Utah Church Directs Tarapoto Project

From February 25-March 8, Fellowship Bible Church of Lindon, Utah, sponsored a mission trip to Tarapoto, Peru.

The focus was threefold: to equip local Peruvian pastors at a special conference; to encourage the people of Community Bible Church in Tarapoto and to evangelize the lost through evangelistic events. The team was made up of eleven pastors and laymen from Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Nebraska and Texas.

All of the pastors who participated in this mission project are, in some way, connected with Tentmakers Bible Mission. Delwin Fowler, Craig Jansen and Franc Ortega are TBM missionaries and pastor TBM churches,

and I pastor a TBM graduate church. TBM Mission Coordinator, Vince Tharp, also ministered with the team in addition to conducting TBM business affairs while there. God was abundant in His grace toward us by allowing us the honor of participating in such a wonderful project!

The Pastor's Conference

The goal for the Pastor's Conference was to equip local pastors, elders and teachers through sessions that emphasized both Biblical theology and practical ministry. In addition, we desired to supply each attending pastor/elder/teacher with a study Bible for his use in ministry. We wanted to provide all of this at no cost to the attendees. This re-



Serving Peruvian pastors traveled many miles, some on foot, to participate in this Bible conference.

quired additional fundraising for the trip's overall cost, but made it possible for local pastors to attend without creating a financial burden.

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A Hispanic Review of Peru Pastors' Conference



Pictured with Pastor Franc Orgega (far right) is an entire Peruvian family who came to faith in Christ during the conference.

Any pastors' conference is comprised of two groups of people. The first group has been blessed with formal Bible training, knowledge and experience in the Word and practical ministry. The others are those without such a background but are open to learning and growing. Regardless of lan-

guage barrier or ethnicity, the willingness to impart truth and the humility to both accept and apply that truth are crucial to both groups.

I consider this opportunity of sharing my personal impressions of the recent Peru Pastors' Conference both a high privilege and a tremendous responsibility. The gospel in the Spanish-speaking world is powerfully changing the eternity of millions of Hispanics. The Roman Catholic institution's inability to properly address the spiritual needs of their followers has resulted in their people lending ear to the gospel message from Christian friends and relatives.

Of that number, many are even bold enough to consider what is taboo, i.e. venturing into evan-

gelical churches in search of spiritual answers. As the gospel makes an enormous impact in the hearts and habits of these Hispanics, the needs of those who have become their new spiritual leaders must also be addressed. This is where the American pastor, blessed with formal Bible training and multiple ministry resources is called to meet the challenge. This is what the Peru Pastors' Conference was all about.

While most Peruvian pastors, elders and other spiritual leaders display a great zeal and passion for the gospel, most possess only a minimum academic education.

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Peru Pastors' Conference *continued from page one*



The TBM missions' team traveled often in and around Tarapoto in the missionary's pickup truck.

This, of course, limits their ability to have a better grasp of biblical understanding as well as its proper application. However, their hunger and disposition in learning, combined with the Americans' humble approach in teaching, provides an excellent platform for both parties to be perfectly at ease throughout conference sessions.

A profound sense of mutual respect and amiability, along with the very Spirit of God granted a tremendous platform for both groups during the recent conference in Tarapoto, Peru. Speakers Vince Tharp, Mike Tharp, Craig Janson, Travis Thomsen and Todd Boone were fluent in both thought and speech. Their proper diction, pausing and poise allowed the interpreters, Delwin Fowler and me, to feel comfortable in our translation, providing an interpretation that was easily understood by the Peruvian believers.

Debbie Brooks, Candace Houle, Jeremy Finnestad and Bill Richards were involved in related practical ministry opportunities which greatly enhanced the teaching the others willingly shared. Also making an enormous contribution were TBM missionaries Jonathan and Bethany Kohen, who assisted tremendously both before and during the teams' time in Tarapoto.

Proper language training and cross-cultural adaptation may require many

years and a vast amount of financial resources for a single missionary family going from the United States into Spanish-speaking countries. This has been the pattern for missionary work for many years. In contrast, the week-long pastors' conference was instrumental in immediately challenging, inspiring and equipping national leaders to be more effective in the Lord's work among their own people.

The American pastors got the experience of doing cross-cultural ministry while the national leaders accumulated Bible and practical knowledge, as well as valuable free resources for their ministries. In my humble opinion, many more pastors' conferences like the one in Tarapoto are desperately needed all over Latin America, which is my field of ministry.

This was a fantastic way of spiritually contributing cross-culturally and equipping the national leaders to have a greater impact in their churches. It was also a great experience for the American pastors to discover how Hispanic evangelical leaders do so much for the Lord with such limited resources. Their passion and zeal for the Lord were amazing and important for all of us to see.

As in similar cases where I've ministered in Mexico, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Cuba, I have been more blessed by the national brothers than any blessing I could

have imparted. The Peru Pastors' Conference will definitely be one of the greatest highlights of my life.

I extend a word of challenge to any American pastor who has been blessed with formal Bible training. Reaching out into Latin America and sharing the richness of the knowledge of God with our less fortunate brothers from the Spanish-speaking world is absolutely vital. They are both hungry and humble to receive your teaching and training.

For most, those few precious days in Tarapoto will likely be the only kind of proper training these fellow believers will ever receive. The American pastor has a great opportunity to be a Paul to a multitude of Timothys in Latin America, thus reproducing himself internationally. Such was Paul's exhortation: "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." II Tim. 2:2.

Pastor Franc Ortega
TBM Missionary
Maranatha Bible Church
McAllen, Texas

"The gospel makes an enormous impact in the hearts and lives of these Hispanics."



Typical mode of transportation in Tarapoto, Peru, called a moto-car.

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The Ministry in Community Bible Church

Though we went to serve and encourage the saints in Tarapoto, each of our team was greatly served and encouraged by them! We met with and worshiped alongside our Peruvian brothers and sisters in Christ for two full Sundays in addition to Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings in between.

During these meetings we sang songs, one of the pastors or elders would preach, and the rest of the team members shared testimonies of what God was currently doing in their lives.

We are excited to see the way Community Bible Church is growing and maturing.

The Evangelism

On Friday morning we took over 1000 gospel tracts and 600 fliers, advertising the church and the Friday night evangel-

istic event, and headed out for ministry with the general public. We divided the team into four groups and sent them to different areas of the city—three teams to the markets and one team to the central plaza. We spoke to everyone we could about the church, the evangelistic event later that evening in the plaza, and of course, the gospel. Several team members had the opportunity to share the gospel at length with those they encountered along the way.

That evening we rented a large sound system and literally drenched the city with the gospel! Some team members sang a few songs of praise in English to draw attention, one of our team shared his testimony of salvation, and then Pastor Franc (a Spanish speaker) preached the gospel.

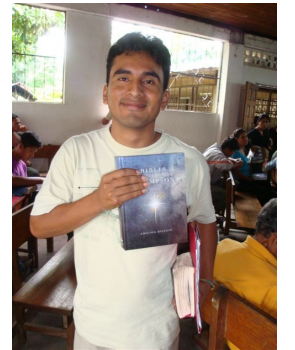
One of the great blessings of this day was the way so many from Com-

munity Bible Church participated in this evangelistic effort. During and after the evangelistic event, even the youth of the church were walking up to people on the street to pray for them as they shared the gospel!

Though Friday was a big day for public evangelism, the sharing of the gospel extended throughout the week. Two from the team visited an unsaved family of one of the youth of the church. During their second visit, the entire family put their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior!

God was truly gracious to involve us in this work for Him! We realize that we don't have much to offer our great God, but what we have to offer, we gave. God graciously used the team as His tools to build and strengthen His Church to His glory!

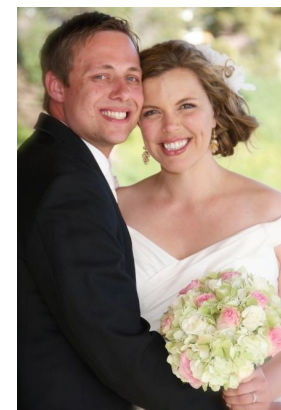
Pastor Mike Tharp
Fellowship Bible Church



A Peruvian pastor displays his new Bible. Each pastor was presented with a complimentary copy of the Scriptures.

"We wanted to raise enough funds to sponsor 100 pastors"

Wedding Bells



TBM extends its congratulations to missionaries JD and Sara Bennett upon their recent marriage in San Diego, California. The Bennetts are ministering in the south of Spain in Puebla del Rio near the city of Seville. JD has been serving faithfully in Spain with TBM for five years.

The Mission also extends its best wishes to Jaramie and Debby Fellows who were united in marriage this last January.

We thank the Lord for couples who share the same call to ministry and service.

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November 12-14, 2011
May 14-18, 2012

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