



Mark & Jen's Jungle News

December 2019



Dear Friends,

As 2019 draws to a close, we want to express our gratitude for your encouragement, prayers and financial support, all of which enable us to serve the Lord in Peru.

Thank you!!!

*Jennifer, Liana,
Silas & Mark*

Come Join Us!

We will be in the U.S. this winter to visit family and churches as Silas and Liana are on "summer" vacation from school in Peru.

We hope to see you at one of the following places:

Salem, OR - Saturday, Jan. 11 at 5 p.m.
Church service at Salem Alliance Church, 555 Gaines St. NE.

Salem, OR - Sunday, Jan. 12 at 8:15 a.m.
Church service at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3737 Liberty Rd S.

Salem, OR - Sunday, Jan. 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Church service at Trinity Covenant Church, 5020 Liberty Rd S.

Salem, OR - Sunday, Jan. 12 at 12:30 p.m.
Prayer and sharing time in the Peru Room (#306) at Broadway Commons,
1300 Broadway St. NE, across from Salem Alliance Church.

San Mateo, CA - Sunday, Jan. 26 at 10 a.m.
Church service at Menlo Church, 4150 Piccadilly Ln.

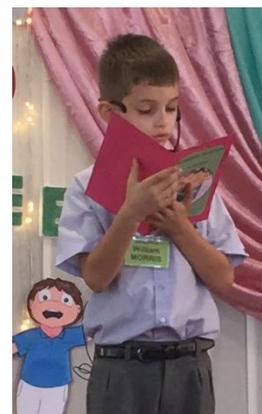
Menlo Park, CA - Sunday, Feb. 2 at 8:30 a.m.
Church service at Menlo Church, 950 Santa Cruz Ave.

Los Altos, CA - Sunday, Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m.
Church service at Union Presbyterian Church, 858 University Ave.

If these times and dates are not convenient, please call or text Mark to schedule a time to visit 831-320-8978.



*Liana getting
ready for her ballet
recital*



*Silas reading at
his school
performance*



Children who received uniforms and school supplies so they could go to school this year

Children Go to School

The school year in Peru is from March to December. Thanks to donors, in 2019 we were able to help 1,184 children obtain the school supplies, uniforms, shoes, backpacks, and registration fees they needed to attend school.

Our **goal** for 2020 is to help **1,500 children at \$50 per child**. We would like to start registering kids for school in January. So far, we have approximately \$23,500 in donations toward this goal. We are passionate about kids learning and becoming productive members of society!

Katherin Walks with Greater Ease

Katherin is a third-year medical student. In 2010, Katherin was in a car crash, and her left leg had to be amputated. When Katherin arrived at the Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P) workshop, she was using a heavy, wooden leg that was too small for her and made her limp. The O&P manager, Milton, designed and built a lighter, sturdier prosthetic leg for Katherin. She is thrilled to have more mobility at college and home!

Thanks to a second grant from Capitol City Medical Teams (Salem, OR), in 2019 the O&P shop was able to serve 10 patients, including Katherin, with the following: 4 prosthetic legs, one prosthetic foot, 3 pediatric wheelchairs, and two pairs of orthotic shoes. Everyone is grateful!

We currently have six patients on the waiting list for a prosthetic leg (see attached Ministry Needs List).



Katherin learning to walk with her new prosthetic leg

Students Learn Practical Skills

One of our passions is to teach...life skills, parenting tips, creative thinking, problem-solving techniques, Biblical principles, the parables of Jesus, personal hygiene, basic nutrition, and anything else that can help people in practical ways.



Last month, we gathered the scholarship students at the Ministry Center to teach them basic writing skills, financial administration principles, and the wonderful benefits of sexual purity. We enjoyed a meaningful Bible study in the book of Proverbs (see photo).

Mark and Jennifer teaching from the book of Proverbs

Bible Institute Will Train Pastors and Leaders

Our Bible Institute will be hosted at our church from January 6-24, 2020 to train pastors, leaders and youth from local churches and our satellite churches in the jungle. We have 60 students signed up so far.

As the director of the Institute, Jennifer has been putting together class schedules, hiring professors, and delegating responsibilities to the other committee members. We are encouraging the students to follow 2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."



Pastors learning from the Word of God at our church



Lia, a second grader, eating cacao

Future Mentorship Program

God has been planting an idea in our hearts to create a mentorship curriculum for children K-12 in the neighborhoods and villages where we have satellite churches.

The goal of this program would be to raise up a generation of leaders who have a firm commitment to the Lord, are equipped to think critically and solve problems, and have a mindset of continually improving themselves and serving others. The curriculum would teach Biblical principles and basic life skills based on a "Learn, Do, Teach" model that Mark has designed. The lessons would be simple and practical, with the goal of each child hearing one day, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Please keep this program in prayer as we interview a potential Program Director on this trip to the United States.

Current Ministry Needs

- See Ministry Needs List on back of this page

Thank you for your prayers and support of our ministry. We are grateful for all that you do for us and the people of Peru!

Mark, Jennifer, Silas & Liana

