



Mark & Jen's Jungle News

April 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting our ministry financially and prayerfully, and touching many lives with the love of Jesus. You are making an eternal difference!

Love,
Mark, Jennifer, Silas & Liana



Mark Visits Pucallpa

In February, Mark and Jennifer flew to Lima, Peru to renew our visas. The following day, Jennifer flew back to the U.S. to take care of our kids, while Mark flew to Pucallpa to see our staff, volunteers, and college students.



Mark visited Milton at the Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P) workshop. Milton continues to make high-quality prosthetic arms and legs for children and adults. Milton encourages the patients to contribute toward the cost of the prostheses, then donors cover the rest. Last year, we supported the fabrication of 8 prosthetic legs, thanks to generous donors!

Mark showing Milton a prosthetic arm he built for a patient

One of the highlights of Mark's trip was visiting the 4 drug rehabilitation centers in Pucallpa. There are currently about 155 men and 15 women enrolled in the centers. Mark was impressed, as usual, by the love and care demonstrated by the leaders and interns at each center; they treat each other like family. Mark smiled as everyone called him *Papá Mark* (Daddy Mark), a nickname of endearment.



Mark enjoying fellowship with the young men at one of the drug rehab centers

Mark Reconnects with Scholarship Students

Twenty-two scholarship students and graduates gathered at our Ministry Center for dinner and a time of teaching. It was wonderful for Mark to reconnect with these spiritual sons and daughters. Mark spoke about listening to the Holy Spirit and finding creative ways to serve others. After the meeting, several students texted Jennifer to say how delightful it was to see Mark!



Mark, with his translator, encouraging the scholarship students and graduates at the Ministry Center



Gabriel graduates in Agrofoculture and Aquaculture Engineering. His wife, Ruth, is our Program Manager.

Ruth and Gabriel Make a Difference

Our Program Manager, Ruth, does an excellent job running our primary programs (Micro Enterprise, Benevolence, and Scholarships) in Pucallpa. She is a friendly, talented administrator who is well-organized and cares deeply for people.

Ruth and her husband, Gabriel, live in our Ministry Center with their adorable one-year-old son. Gabriel has enhanced our ministry in many ways, like: designing a banner for the O&P shop; translating thank you letters written by scholarship students; and doing maintenance projects at the Ministry Center. We are grateful for Ruth and Gabriel!

Children Go to School

The school year in Peru is from March to December. This year, we helped 55 children, for an average of \$34 per child, buy school supplies, backpacks, uniforms and/or shoes so they could attend school. Most of these children were identified by local pastors and young adults who sent us text messages asking for financial assistance for specific children. Thank you to our donors for making this possible!



Brayan (middle back), a college student who has received educational support from our ministry, identified these children who needed school supplies so they could attend school.

Everyday Evangelism Seminar

In February, Mark and Jennifer taught a seminar called *Everyday Evangelism* at Salem Alliance Church in Salem, Oregon. All 17 participants were engaged and enthusiastic while learning simple, creative ways to share the Gospel and their own testimonies. Afterward, people gave comments, and sent us emails and notes. One card said this:

“Dear Jen and Mark, thank you for the evangelism workshop! It was fun and oh so practical, very creative in how to connect with folks and share God's love. You gave me many good ideas, and I've been trying a few out. Your handout, Jen, was very helpful, too.”

We pray the Lord gives us more opportunities to lead seminars like this in the future.



Jennifer teaching how to communicate God's love in fun, practical ways



Nerio needs a prosthetic leg

Current Needs

\$900 – Prosthetic leg for Nerio who is a farmer near the town of *Juanjuí*. His leg was amputated 11 years ago due to a serious infection. Since then, Nerio has been walking with a crutch (see photo) because he has not been able to afford a prosthetic leg.

\$190 – Wheelchair. We would like to buy 3 wheelchairs for future patients.

\$100 – Food box. We typically assist 1-2 families per week with food or rent.

\$75 – Medical care. We typically help 1-2 patients per week. In the last 3 weeks, we have helped a baby with pneumonia, a young girl with dengue fever, and a single mom with a serious dog bite. We also bought post-appendectomy medications for a woman from the Sharanahua tribe.

\$500 – Summer camps for our children, Silas and Liana.

Thank you!
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Giving Opportunities

A. IRA Distributions

Gifts from IRA accounts must be received by December 31 each year to qualify as a Required Minimum Distribution, or Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

B. Stock Donations

Jungle Ministry is able to receive stock donations. Contact us for Stock Giving Instructions: 503-983-0360 or jungleministry@gmail.com.



C. Estate Planning

Consider Jungle Ministry in your estate planning.

D. Employer Matching

Jungle Ministry is registered with Benevity to receive matching donations from employers. Please let us know if your employer uses Benevity, or another platform, to match employee donations.

E. Airline Miles

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Thank you,
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