

"For I long to see you that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established, that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."

Romans 1:11, 12

PERU PASTORS-SPOUSES CONFERENCE, APRIL, 2010

Lannie and Melba Green, two of our board members, along with **Connie and myself** flew to Lima, Peru to conduct conferences in Lima and in Tarma, on the other side of the Andes Mountains. Peru is truly a beautiful country with beautiful people. We were joined at the airport in Atlanta by **Judy McAllister**, formerly of San Antonio and of Wayside Chapel. Judy and her family joined Wayside in 1981. Judy's oldest daughter **Meredith** began attending at that time as an 11 year old girl. What a delight it was for us to see Meredith, now a missionary in Tarma, and to sense the call of God upon her life.



I heard an African American preacher years ago say that "some are sent and some just went." Meredith sensed God's call and was sent. She has become Peruvian in every sense of the word and is making a difference. Through the organization of **Jim Panaggio** in Lima and **Meredith** in Tarma, we had two conferences

and ministered to approximately 200 pastors, wives and Christian leaders. We really felt the love, openness and hunger of these dear people to receive something from God.



Judy McAllister had this to say, "Attending the Pastor's conferences in Lima and Tarma, Peru reminded me of the redeeming power of the Word of God in lives well-lived as Connie and Steve shared their testimonies. They were also a reminder of the unity of scripture as Steve presented the Supremacy of Christ in both Old and New Testaments. It was exhilarating to witness the sheep being well-

fed." One of the pastors in Tarma wrote "We were encouraged to know such a ministry exclusively for pastors exists. Also appreciated the invitation not only for the pastors, but also for their wives. We pray you will return soon so that we can share more time together."

Lannie and Melba shared their testimonies which clearly impacted those present. They received the following in a letter sent to them: "Personally, we are very grateful for your ministry and for all the effort that you made to come to Peru and Tarma. As co-servants, we know the cost of coming all the way here, and it is our prayer that God would repay you for your love for the Lord and His church. In the same way, we are grateful for the encouragement of the ministry of your pastor and his wife, whom you have accompanied and that God would keep and greatly prosper all the work that you are a part of."



Meredith McAllister writes, “Pastor Steve and Connie really connected with the pastors and wives in Lima and Tarma. Their transparency was refreshing and encouraging, as most leaders do not share their struggles and failures openly. Steve’s love for Scripture and the centrality of Christ in life and ministry are values that He lives out, preaches, and it is contagious. Having grown up at Wayside, it was fun to share this time with Connie and Steve, get to translate the messages, and be reminded of how grateful I am for having grown up under his teaching.”



As you can see from the comments given that there is a great need for encouragement, equipping and just coming together when it comes to Christian leaders. It was not an easy trip, considering the air pollution over Lima and the high altitude in Tarma which resulted in upper respiratory issues and altitude sickness, but it was well worth the effort.

Thank you for praying and giving so faithfully. Our next trip will be to minister to 600 pastors and wives (300 couples) in Uganda in the end of August. Please be in prayer for that conference.

From all of us at SSI, Thank You!

Steve Troxel

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Quotes from pastor’s seminar in Tarma, April 26, 2010

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“First, I thank God our all-powerful Father who does all things as He pleases, and has raised up this ministry to share such a blessing and so much teaching of the Word, and above all, emphasizing how the person of Jesus Christ is found throughout the Bible.”

“Admirable Missionary Brother, the knowledge that God gave you blessed us greatly.”

“I thank God for your life, realizing that in spite of family problems you continue preaching and serving God. May God bless you, your wife and your children.”

“Pastor Stephen, God bless you. Thank you for your exposition of the Word. Your outline was very understandable, presenting from the OT to the NT of the person of Jesus. Many blessings for you and your beloved wife.”

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, thank you for your sacrifice. We hope to have more communion with you in the future. Col. 3:16.”

“I want to thank God for His blessings. You gave us a good “word” tonight, in the testimonies too. I have learned much. God bless you, Ps. Troxel and your wife.”

“Thank you for including us! We enjoyed being together and encouraged in the Word.”

“Pastor: What impacted me the most was the study of the Word, and the importance of being able to rightly divide the Word of God. God bless you and keep you.”

“Pastor, I thank you for the brilliant exposition of the Word of God with respect to the preeminence of Jesus Christ. I know this will help me as I share in my congregation.”

“The importance of your marriage as co-workers in the ministry, and the unity necessary to carry out evangelism.”