

APRIL 2016

A Beacon On A Hill

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WORSHIP ON SUNDAY

9:00 AM Modern

10:00 AM Sunday
School

11:00 AM Traditional

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Cancelled for now

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“Overcoming the Five D’s” Part 2

Diversion. We are living in a “flashy” generation. A generation that have trouble concentrating because take their attention. In an article, I read that our sickness is Spiritual Attention Deficit Disorder or “SADD.” And it is sad the way many people are living today.

The call is to place our attention and FOCUS in the things that are really important for us, especially for our spiritual life. The Apostle Paul helps us to conquer Diversion: **“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”** (Philippians 3:14 NIV)

Hear what Jesus said about focusing: **“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”** (John 10:27-28 NIV)

A Christian have a pretty good idea who lead his or her everyday life. Not only that, he or she also know the end of his or her life in Jesus Christ – eternal communion with Him.

Defeat. What is defeat? It is being destroyed... Without hope... Conquered... In exile... Not in control. Hear the Good News: **“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”** (John 16:33 NIV)

Christ in our victory!!! Hear the word old the old hymn: **“O victory in Jesus, my savior, forever, He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him, He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.”** (“Victory in Jesus”)

Delay. Jesus said these words: **“However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”** Luke 18:8b NIV) I know you have heard this saying: **“Do not leave for tomorrow, what you can do today.”** The way to conquer Delay is to do it NOW!

God is always ready and willing to bless us. Why wait when the invitation is to try God NOW? God is asking us to give Him a chance now and not later. The question is: **Will you do it?!**

God is asking us to Believe and to have Faith... He is encouraging us to trust in Him... He wants us to focus on Jesus... He reminds us that the victory is ours through Jesus Christ.

Hear what Jesus said in the parable of the Judge and the Widow: **“And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.”** (John 18:7-8a NIV)

Will you delay His blessing or will you begin to enjoy Him right now, claiming what He already has given you?

In Christ,
Pastor Diego

“Truly I tell you, Jesus replied, ‘no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions- and in the age to come eternal life.’” Mark 10:29-30 (NIV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We praise the Lord God for all He is doing in our lives and in the ministry here in Peru, for filling us with His Holy Spirit to guide and direct each of our steps, and for pouring out His grace upon us through His precious Son, Jesus Christ. We hope and pray that He has been blessing you wonderfully during this past month and that your life has been filled with His glorious riches and mercy.

March has been a very busy month for us. First of all, we had to catch up with our work, because we were in the states in February. Jorge Ayala, David Vargas, and Manuel Osotos all came to our house and stayed for five days until they left for Puerto Anapati. They had been in the mission school, EMLA, in Lima during February. Jorge was the coordinator for the mission classes, and David Vargas was helping him. Manuel is one of the students that study there. Julio Cesar Huaman will join them in Puerto Anapati. This will be Manuel's first time going to the VRAEM to work, so please pray that God will help him to adjust to the ministry there without any difficulties.

Alberto Fernandez, along with Alejandra Aquino and Darwin Davila, conducted another basic level workshop without our help in Chupaca. We are grateful to God that some of our leaders are stepping up to take more responsibility in these workshops. Fifteen persons participated in the workshop including a young man, Marco Antonio, who was confined to a wheel chair. The workshop went very well. Please pray that these leaders will put into practice what they learned.

We were privileged to pray for another person for healing and freedom this month. It is amazing how God speaks so differently to different people, but He always does. Please pray that God will continue to give us more opportunities to pray for others.

Mary Alice has really enjoyed helping Jhomora learn how to evangelize. She wrote a great testimony, which many young people will be able to relate to. Also, she has many friends who are non-believers, and she is excited about sharing about Jesus with them. Please pray that Jesus will continue to guide her and use her as she studies at the university.

Arthur completed the computer model for the cacao dryer and is working on the shop drawings for construction of additional dryers. Moisés and Arthur dismantled the prototype dryer and are preparing to ship it to the farm and install it as soon as the rainy season is over and the road is open again. We are hoping to build and install three or four more by the end of the year, and four or five more next year.

Arthur is continuing to do his discipleship group on Friday nights, and it is going well. We are happy to share that six people in the group were baptized. Moisés, who works on mission projects with Arthur, Nicol, who is Willy's daughter, Margot, Willy's wife, Marta, Margot's sister, Josef, Rocio's brother, and Nicol, who is Gladis' daughter, were all baptized. Gladis, Nicol, and her son, Eder, participated for years in our first Kid's Club that we started in 2002 at Pichus. Rocio said that her brother, Josef, was counting down the days until he could be baptized. We praise the Lord for working in the hearts of these six people, and we would appreciate it if you would pray that they will continue to grow in Christ.

If you haven't heard the good news, our son Joshua will be getting married on May 15th in the states to Rocio Claudio, a Peruvian girl. She has a nursing degree, and she, as well as Joshua, will be looking for jobs in the states. Please pray that God will guide them as they look for jobs and that they will have a wonderful life together.

Please be in prayer for each one of our workers and for each one of the ministries and projects, the discipleship ministry, the evangelism and church planting ministry, the prayer ministry, and the work to self-sustain these ministries.

Please give praise to the Lord for bringing us additional persons called to be part of the missionary team in Peru. Covenant with us to continue in prayer for the young adult leadership team. Please pray for the leaders of the churches in Peru, and for their spiritual protection and growth in the Lord Jesus. Also be in prayer for Martin and Tracy Reeves, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, and their families. All are missionaries with the Mission Society that currently work in Peru. Please pray for our safety as we travel, and that we will boldly speak God's Word wherever we go.

We pray that Jesus will continue to give you hope to live each day for Him, and we also pray that God is drawing you closer and closer to Him every day. God bless you. We love you.

Yours in Christ,

Arthur and Mary Alice Ivey

The Mission Society Missionaries to Peru

P.S. We praise the Lord Jesus for providing through each and every one of you. Our monthly giving level has dropped in January and February below what we need to sustain the ministry here. Please pray that we can return to the necessary level in the coming months. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

<https://themissionsociety.org/give>



UMW CANDLE BURNING FOR MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2015

The Suwanee United Methodist Women invite the members and friends of our Church to celebrate Mother's Day by honoring your mother or other important women in your life through a Candle Burning celebration during the 9:00 and 11:00 am Worship Service. Through donations made to the United Methodist Women's organization candles will be lit during each worship service and the names of these important women will be printed in a special bulletin.

The monies collected will be given for missions that help women and children throughout the world, which is the purpose of the UMW organization. Please complete the form below, attach your check or cash and place in the offering plate or give it to one of our UMW members.

A slideshow presentation will be shown featuring pictures of mothers and special women in our lives. If you would like to feature your special women, please send or give photos to Ana Orsini or email to die-go_ana_orsini@yahoo.com. Be sure to put your name on any photos that you give to Ana so they can be given back to you.

The deadline for making your request for recognition and photo(s) is Sunday, May 3. For more details, contact Caron Burnette at 770-356-8718 or email czburnet@bellsouth.net



We still have lots of vouchers for Krispy Kreme doughnuts! They are a fundraiser for the church and are only \$8! Ask Pastor Diego for one or two... or ten! Everyone loves Krispy Kreme!

Homeless Women's Needs

We are collecting the following items for this mission:

Toiletries-small items are easier to carry

Toothbrushes, toothpaste

Toilet paper

Hats

Scarves

Socks

Gloves

Panties-all sizes are needed and need to be new

Happy Birthday!

Gwendolyn Griffin 4/3

Nessa Griffin 4/5

Marilyn Gibbs 4/5

Michael Parker 4/5

Emily Warlick 4/7

Rebecca Brandt 4/7

Bryan Bolling 4/7

Susan Lacher 4/8

Aaron Mossler 4/14

Jeannette Pierce 4/22

Chris Sowter 4/22

Jordan Griffin 4/30

Happy Anniversary!

Vance & Shirley Mossler
4/12

Jimmy & Caron Burnette
4/15

Prayer Quilt Ministry News!

We have presented 26 Prayer Quilts this year. One hundred seventy one in just over two years! Two will be presented on Sunday! The comfort a Prayer Quilt brings...words can not describe!

Some milestones have been reached!!! One hundred three Prayer Quilts have been presented that Carol Minehart has made. Twenty seven presented that Carolyn Keller has made, and thirty nine presented that Darlene Knowlton has made!!

Tom Wood is doing a marvelous job with the "Wee One" Ministry!

Soon an announcement about a new ministry!!

We will be making a king size quilt to raffle off again this year! More information will be provided later. Jody Cole is our spokes person this year. He is doing a wonderful job!!

Many thanks to all! Together we can get a lot accomplished, and reach out to many!!!

Counters and Ushers for April— Bernie and Jody Cole



UMW NEWS

UMW will meet on Tuesday, April 12 @ 11am in the fellowship hall. We will make plans for the Mother's Day Candle Burning service.



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Please Let us Know How We May Serve You!
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April 2016

SUNDAY – 9:00 AM Modern Worship; 10:00—
Sunday School; 11:00 AM Traditional Worship;
1:00 PM Sarang

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Prayer—9 AM and 6 PM Violin/Viola Lessons— 2:30-9:30 Music Les- sons— sanctuary	5 Vi- olin/Viola Lessons— 2:30-9:30 Voice Les- sons—4-9PM	6 AA—10:30 AM Violin/Viola Lessons— 2:30-9:30 Voice Les- sons—2-6:30 PM	7 AA—8 PM Violin/Viola Lessons— 2:30-9:30 Voice Les- sons—4-9 PM	8 Prayer Quilt Minis- try—10-12:00 Cello Les- sons—6-8 PM	9 AA—7 PM Family Promise Meeting 9-11 am
10 Native American Min- istries Sun- day	11 DAR in fel- lowship hall 6:30—	12 Council Meeting 6:30 PM	13	14	15	16
17 Fellowship hall reserved 3-6 PM	18	19	20	21	22 Fellowship hall reserved evening	23
24 FAMILY PROMISE WEEK	25	26	27	28	29	30

Activities in **BOLD** repeat weekly