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Brinks - Peru Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

Thanks so much for all your prayers for our evangelistic seminar (How to Raise Responsible and Happy Children) which we shared at all three mission locations over the weekend. The Lord answered your prayers. Bo was ready to present the seminar. The audiovisual equipment worked well. We were able to pass out many invitations at all three locations.

The attendance was a mixed bag. In San Borja, the three people who attended were previous contacts through our ESL program. The blessing is that all three are unchurched and interested in helping us reach more people.



In Los Olivos, we had 25 participants, but only 4 were invited guests. We learned that handing out invitations to people we don't know doesn't work very well. The people who came were invited and brought by friends or family. One of the four guests is a very good contact for on-going follow-up.

In La Victoria, where we have our children's ministry called "Castillo Fuerte," we had our biggest turn-out. 30 parents, mostly from Castillo Fuerte, attended! For many of them, this was the first time to attend a church related event, which is a big step in the process of inviting them to know Jesus.



In addition to the seminar, the Castillo Fuerte children presented a drama about the Good Shepherd, and sang a series of their favorite Christian songs, much to the delight of the parents. We are thankful that some of the attendees were families from the community, unattached to Castillo Fuerte. All the participants registered with their names and addresses, so Pastors Osmel and Pablo (Bo) can now make follow-up visits in their homes and encourage them to begin to study the Bible with us.



Since in our last newsletter (Oct. 9) we shared more about Castillo Fuerte in La Victoria, this time we will tell you more about the ministry in Los Olivos. The object here is that our baby congregation grow in size and maturity.

One of the goals is to help the church grow in number by having an outreach mentality and focusing on inviting people to know Jesus. The members have begun praying for their unsaved family, friends and neighbors, and we will invite these people to a special service in January. We are celebrating monthly outreach events. We are starting to have more visitors on Sunday mornings!

Another goal is to help the members grow in spiritual maturity by studying the Bible. We are thankful that many participate in adult Sunday School. Barb now has a midweek class, leading 8 ladies in a Bible course on prayer.



The congregation also needs to grow in raising up lay leaders for the ministries of the church. Bo is teaching a lay leadership training course to 12 members on Thursday evenings. It is an overview of the Bible called “Biblical Theology.”

Another goal is to help the congregation grow in being organized for effective ministry. We are forming “action support groups” for altar care, cleaning God’s house, welcoming guests, and music ministry, to name a few. Also, we will help the congregation begin the process of writing its constitution and by-laws.



Sunday School with Betania!



Our storefront church is on this street.



Every church needs members like Marino and Vicky.



Outgrowing our worship space!

Praise the Lord:

- That all went well with our outreach events, and for the many new contacts.
- For the members at Los Olivos who are inviting their friends, participating in Bible studies and serving the Lord with their gifts.

Please ask the Lord:

- To direct our follow-up efforts on our new contacts.
- To bless the raising up of lay leaders and the on-going organization of our church in Los Olivos.