

Carrollton Baptist Association—Striving to be an Acts 1:8 Association

December, 2010

From Your Associational Missionary...

Justin Richards and I have just returned from a vision trip to Peru. We had an opportunity to visit with John and Sonya Grady and several other missionary families in the Andes mountains of Peru. Both are native Georgians and met at West Georgia in the BSU. They have two young sons, Samuel who will turn 4 in December and Jacob who is 2.

We talked with John by phone at our Annual Meeting and discovered that he and Sonya had recently moved from South Peru to 7 hours north of Lima to a city called Huaraz. Huaraz is 10,000 feet above sea level and has a population of 125,000. This will not be their permanent home but while he serves as the team strategy leader for the Ancash Quechua and as he mentors some of the newer missionaries. Then he and Sonya and the boys will move to Huari sometime next year.

John was our chauffeur for the week and did an excellent job navigating through the mountains. Peru is made up of three different landscapes—desert on the coast which includes Lima; mountains which includes the Andes rising up to 22,000 feet at its highest; and jungle in the northeast. The roads wind their way up the mountains and some of the roads are totally paved, paved with many potholes, or just

gravel. The highest point where we traveled was 15,000 feet above sea level.

John took us to visit some of the missionary families who live several hours from one another. We carried each family some American chocolate and two of the young boys wanted Jolly Ranchers. They had not had any Jolly Ranchers for two years. When I brought out the two Ziploc bags full of Jolly Ranchers they were so excited. I wish I could have captured their reaction because it was priceless.

One of the goals of our visit was to see how we could partner with John and Sonya and the Ancash Quechua team. We know that there are many needs among these missionary families, and we wanted to see how we could encourage, affirm, and assist their ministry in Huaraz. In fact while Justin and I were there we were asked to bring a team of 6-8 who could care for the 11 children (ages 2-12) as they (the adults) meet together for several days of training. What a great way to encourage and assist these families. So we are now beginning to plan this trip for the first week of April. More details to follow.

As we met with each of these families—the Penningtons, the Bredbenners, the John-

sons and the Fleetwoods, we were impressed by their commitment and obedience to God's call. They knew God had placed them in their locations and they were faithfully serving Him there. They were also grateful for your prayers, and financial support that allows them to stay on the field and concentrate where God has placed them and their ministry to this unreached people.

November 28th through December 5th has been designated as the Week of Prayer for International Missions. Each church should have received a DVD about this week from the International Mission Board. It is an excellent tool to promote this week of prayer and to see some of the work and ministry around the world. I will also be sending you the names of the missionaries serving on the Ancash Quechua Team ministering to the Northern and Southern Conchucos Quechua people. We will be adopting this unreached people, praying that many will be reached for Jesus Christ in the days ahead. I also want to encourage you to give sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year to help support the work of almost 5200 IMB missionaries around the world.

Dan

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Coming Up...

- **Week of Prayer for International Missions**—November 28-December 5
- **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**
- **The Associational office will close December 22nd at noon for the Christmas holidays and will reopen Monday, January 3rd.**
- **Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship**—January 11th.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Merry Christmas! I love this time of year! The Christmas season is so magical. I think I look forward to it as much as my children do. The lights, sounds, decorations, and food are always fun. The Worship becomes even sweeter during this time

when we celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We serve a great God who truly loves us! Please pray for all of the students at West Georgia who have no idea why they celebrate during the Christmas season. Pray

that God would reveal himself to them. Pray that God would send His Spirit to speak to the hearts of our students. Pray that a revival would break out this Christmas! God Bless.

Bill Grissett



Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship

January 11, 2011 FBC, Carrollton

Cost: \$12.50 per person

Please have your reservations and money into the Associational office by Wednesday, January 5th.



Week of Prayer for International Missions November 28th-December 5th



Be much in prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and International Mission Studies taking place throughout the month of December.



Operation Christmas Child Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes

**Thank You! Thank You!
Thank You!**

To all who worked at the Associational office helping to tote, sort, count, etc. the shoeboxes! Also, thanks to those of you who took time to fill a box!

The count as of 11/18 is 2164. The final total will be in the January Newsletter.

Please Note...

The Office will close December 22nd at noon for the Holidays and will reopen Monday, January 3rd, 2011.

Note to Pastors:

Please make note of the dates, for the December's Ministers' Luncheons.

Ministers' Luncheons will be on December 1st and 8th, at 11:30 a.m. at Ryan's. There will be no luncheons on December 15th, 22nd, or 29th.

December Prayer Walking Schedule:

November 29-December 5: **Consolation**
December 6-12: **Discovery Church**
December 13-19: **Ephesus**
December 20-26: **Eureka**
December 27-January 2: **Fellowship**

December Meetings...

Missions Development Team meeting—Monday, December 6th at noon. Bring your own lunch.

Administrative Team meeting—December 8th following the Ministers' Luncheon at Ryan's.



*Merry Christmas! And
Happy New Year from
your Associational Staff!*

Dan  Teresa




*Son Rise Baptist Church Adult Choir
presents...*

“Jesus, The Lord of Christmas”

December 12-13 7:00 p.m.

Copeland Hall, Bowdon

**Looking
Ahead...**

**V.B.S Early
Bird Clinic**


January 31st

M.O.V.E.

**Youth
Evangelism
Conference**

**December
28th-30th**

**Macon Centre-
plex, Macon**



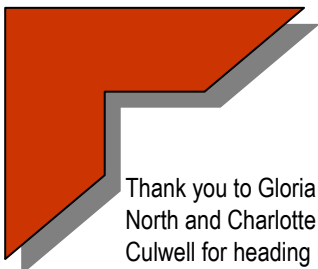
**From
Churches..**

Indian Creek: dedicated their new Family Life Center on November 21st. It has a fellowship hall, kitchen, gym and classrooms and was totally paid for when they dedicated it.

Ephesus and Fullerville: Kasey Morris, daughter of Rev. Tony and Jana Morris, and Phillip Swafford, son of Rev. Steve and Melinda Swafford were married on Saturday, November 20th.

Mars Hill: Minister of Music, Tim Bowlick resigned.

Kansas: “Giving in Grace”—Free Yard Sale will be Dec. 11 from 8 am until 11 am. Accepting Donations of all kinds. Contact Numbers: 770-258-5820/404-370-2379/404-387-9244



From the WMU.....

Thank you to Gloria and Lewis North and Charlotte and Pat Culwell for heading up our collection of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We also appreciate all of the volunteers that helped at the associational office and the churches, organizations and individuals that filled the shoeboxes. We don't have a total count at the time this article is printed, but will share it in the January newsletter.

If you are looking for a ministry to help with during the Christmas season there are several you can choose from. The Carroll County Soup Kitchen needs non-perishable items to prepare food boxes for families. They prepared almost 1,200 boxes

last year. They will be collecting December 6-10, 9 AM-4PM at the soup kitchen. Another ministry you might consider is providing gifts for school children. You can check with a local school's counselor or school social worker to find out more information. A third ministry is Angel Tree. It is a ministry that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ. If you would like to help with this ministry please email me. I have contact information for families that need sponsored.

Please begin thinking of a project you and the children of your church could do for Children's Ministry Day. The 2011 theme is Neighbor to Neighbor. What are the needs of your neighbors? Create a project to

help meet needs in your community. Learn more about Children's Ministry Day at www.childrenmissions.com or email Sonjia Thomas, our Children's Leader, at sonjia@bellsouth.net. This year we want you and the children to work on a project and then we will gather together March 12 to share and celebrate your ministry stories. We will share pictures, stories and a meal.

WMU Directors please keep January 8 open on your calendar. Our associational team wants to invite you to lunch. It will be a great time of fellowship. We will be sending more information to you soon.

Thanks for all you do!
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- 1 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at Ryan's
- 6 **Missions Development Team Meeting**—12 noon at the Associational Office. Bring your own lunch.
- 8 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at Ryan's
Administrative Team Meeting—following the Ministers' Luncheon at Ryan's (1:00 p.m.)
- 12-13 **Son Rise Baptist Church Choir** presents "Jesus,

the Lord of Christmas." 7:00 p.m. at Copeland Hall in Bowdon.

- 15 **There will be NO Ministers' Luncheon**
- 22 **Associational Office will close at noon.**
- 23-January 2 **Office closed for Holidays**
- 25 **Merry Christmas!**
- 28-29 **M.O.V.E.—Youth Evangelism Conference**—Macon Centreplex, Macon
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