

# CALLED TO PERU

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## The Purpose:

A quick update on our lives and the passion that God has put on our hearts.

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**Sing to the LORD, all the earth; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.**

**1 CHRONICLES 16:23-24 (NASB)**



### Peru Tour 2008

Shaun speaking at San Martin de Porres University during halftime at one of the exhibition games.

We are Shaun and Amanda Wissmann and during the past four years of our marriage we have seen many changes take place. From changes in states to different jobs we have always tried to be adaptable according to the situation. From the beginning of our relationship it has always been our desire to patiently submit ourselves to God's plan and allow Him to guide our paths. We believe this newsletter is the embodiment of God guiding our paths, and we want to share with you the exciting journey we have begun.

In the summer of 2008 Shaun started a new season of flag football in a local league. At the beginning of the season he met the team's new quarterback, Daniel Devisscher, and they "hit it off" immediately. Through their many conversations Daniel began to tell Shaun

about a sports related mission team he was leading to Lima, Peru. Daniel explained the team would be using basketball as a tool to draw crowds to watch a game, while the team presented Jesus Christ to those who came. After more research Shaun became interested and felt his heart being tugged to go on the trip.

Daniel, Shaun and the rest of the team worked with the Peruvian church "Champions for Christ" to set up the mission trip and it was an unbelievable success. Basketball is really beginning to explode all over Peru, so the interest level was very high. Each day locals would come to see Americans play basketball, and some would leave with their eternity forever secured. Shaun loved watching God change hardened hearts and it became a lasting image in his mind.

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## Our Hearts

Top caption: Two young boys in Chincha Alta learning the art of Thumb warfare.

Middle caption: Amanda and the girls of Jesus Salvador School. This was after she spoke with them about their identity as women of Christ and why they should remain wholly pure.

Bottom Caption: Some of the sweet little girls of Chincha.

During the time the team was serving, Shaun started to become deeply impacted by the pastor of Champions for Christ (CPC), Pepe Selem. Pastor Pepe is a man with an amazing passion for the people of Peru and an even greater passion for Jesus Christ. Before becoming a Christian, Pepe was a world class champion weightlifter, who rapidly became the top powerlifter in Peru. During this process Pastor Pepe became a Christian and realized God had put him on a "platform" so that through him people might come to know Jesus Christ. Now Pepe uses his gifts to let people know who he calls his "Personal Trainer."

This first trip to Lima allowed Shaun and Pepe to learn more and more about one another. Once Shaun returned home God began using Pepe's and Shaun's conversations to spark some potentially life changing dialogues between the two of us.

One of the first things Shaun approached me about when he got home was the need for us to go down to Peru together. He felt we were being called to serve there, but it was very important for me to experience Peru firsthand. So this past March, we traveled down to Peru together, once again open to where God might be calling us.

While staying with Pastor Pepe and his family we began to work with the youth in the Church, teaching them Biblical truths concerning leadership, righteousness, and purity. We also went to a marriage conference and encouraged married couples in their relationships with one another and with God. Through each event we found ourselves moved spiritually, psychologically, and emotionally. God was clearly trying to reveal Truth into our lives.

What greatly moved us was our visit to Chincha Alta, one of the poorest areas in Peru. In 2007 it was devastated by a horrific earthquake and two years later it is still recovering- very slowly. Pastor Pepe has been working there since the earthquake, helping a church with approximately 90 children who run the streets day and night. We came to tell the story of David and Goliath, and then give out some notebooks, pencils, and lollipops. The blessings we

received in return was so much more than one could ever imagine.

As Pastor Pepe told us, two years ago these children hardly laughed or smiled. They would rarely hug anyone or hear an "I love you." It was amazing to watch them sing and laugh with sticky lollipop faces, or to play "Thumb War" with a joy that even surprised them a little, especially when we used the "sneak attack."

We knew, while our feet were standing in the desert dirt of Chincha Alta, Peru was where we needed to be. Since our return home we have been praying and seeking counsel concerning full-time mission work in Peru. Feeling our calling we have begun preparations to return to Peru for one year as full-time missionaries. There is a great deal of work needing to be done and our goal is to get down there as soon as possible. Our major ministry focus will be to help CPC organize, coordinate, and put into action a variety of community outreaches. Some of the programs we will be helping to set up are a day care center in Chincha, University and secondary school outreach, women's outreach, and receiving short term missions teams. This could extend to a much longer list, but with Pastor Pepe's assistance we have identified these as the areas with the greatest needs.

Shaun has since gone back this June for a second sports mission trip and has further solidified our plans to be in Peru. We have partnered with Modern Day, a sending organization, which sees our vision and is helping us to make a difference in Peru. We recognize this might come as a surprise to some of you, so please stop by our website (as it slowly comes together)

[www.calledtoperu.org](http://www.calledtoperu.org), and check out Modern Day's website, [www.modernday.org](http://www.modernday.org), for more information. Most importantly, be praying for us as God begins preparing us in this step of faith. We plan to send additional information in the future to keep you up to date with our activities. Please accept our thanks for your interest in our calling from God.

In Christ,

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