

“YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER”

I can only imagine a person waking up today after being in a coma for the last two and a half years. The world has changed so much with the pandemic, political and racial tensions, media wars, actual wars, church life and so much more. Catching up on words like woke, mandates, social distancing, and virtual signaling would be a lot to absorb. In this world, evil is never satisfied and the brokenness from sin brings a continual deepening spiral.

Thankfully, there is a promise. The scriptures give us a constant unchanging truth in Hebrews 13:8--“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” A portion of the context of this is found in verse 6: “So, we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mortals do to me?” It’s our today which is the “forever” from when the writer of Hebrews put pen to parchment and wrote these words. I love that there are no conditions given to the reality that Jesus and His attributes stay the same, helping us.

One aspect of this unchanging truth about Jesus is that he still is a healer and miracle worker. We see and experience this reality in amazing testimonies as the gospel is being preached on the streets, on soccer fields, and in villages where people are encountering Jesus. One of my roles for Amazon Outreach is to pass on the stories from Peru and our leaders there. One of our evangelists, Raimundo Navarro, recently shared two of these stories; one from the year 2000 and one that just recently took place. Now, I’m sharing them with you.

—David Pepper

A MAN RAISED FROM THE DEAD

It was 22 years ago in the village of Huatapi on the Ucayali river where we had been invited to preach in the community: Pastors Dennis Ramirez, Antonio Sahuarico, and myself. While we started the outreach at 7 pm in a soccer field, there was a disturbance as a procession of people were leaving the health center. They were carrying with them a man pronounced dead by the doctor. He was being taken to be buried.



Thankful for this team of Paul Clements, Barry Bivens, Bill Russell, Steve Proeschel, Matt Deatherage and Obbie Todd and their encouragement tour. They did so much to bless the work in Iquitos and surrounding villages.



Beth and the Peruvian medical team held seven clinics over five days seeing 790 people.

Suddenly, we were left alone in the field as all the people who had gathered left to join the funeral procession with those mourning over this dead man, Miguel.

A moment later, we saw the crowd coming our way because someone had said “let the preachers pray for him and he can live.” They brought the body and I said "Pastor Dennis, you lay hands on his feet. Pastor Antonio, you lay hands on his head and I will pray from the middle." The worship team started singing and we started praying to God to do something knowing that Jesus still does miracles today. As we were praying in the name of Jesus, Miguel’s foot started to twitch and Pastor Dennis screamed and jumped back. Pastor Antonio started saying "Glory to God" over and over as he watched the color return to the man’s lips and face and watched life come back into his eyes.

Miguel sat up praising God and asked for some water. He began sharing what he had just experienced: He was walking down a large road when he heard a man in white clothes shout and call him back and so he turned around and started walking back--it was that moment when his body started moving.

Many people came to faith in the village through the miracle God did.

A WOMAN’S HAND IS HEALED

Recently we were in Chayawita village on the alto Paranapura river. While preaching the word of the Lord, there was a woman who had her whole hand and part of her arm wrapped up in a cloth bandage, swollen with an infection. She had an accident and the infection was very bad. I invited people who needed to receive prayer and this woman came and I told her the biggest miracle is to be born again and become a child of God. After putting her faith in Jesus Christ, she asked again "can you pray for my hand." I grabbed a new Bible I had in the Shawi Language and gave it to her and said there is power and authority in the words of this book to transform your life. I laid hands on her declaring healing in Jesus' name, I gave her the bible, and she returned home. That evening, she took my words literally.

As she laid down to sleep on her bed, she placed the infected hand on the Bible and said "the pastor says there is power in this Bible" and she went to sleep. When she woke in the morning and stood up, the cloth bandage fell off as all the swelling had returned to normal, the infection was gone, and her hand and arm were healed. She immediately started giving testimony to her friends and five of them came to faith in Christ because of this miraculous healing.

A new church has begun in Chayawita village, Praise God

—Raimundo Navarro



This is where the new church gathers in Chayawita village.



After coming to Christ and having her hand healed, this Shawi lady also received an audio Bible. The Shawi women use the fruit of the Wito tree to color their hands and feet black.



Pastors Marty Sloan, Deron Freeman, Jon Morris & Alberto Lopez were a great blessing and ministered powerfully at the December ministers conference.



Outreach in Santo Thomas where 60 people came to faith in Jesus Christ.

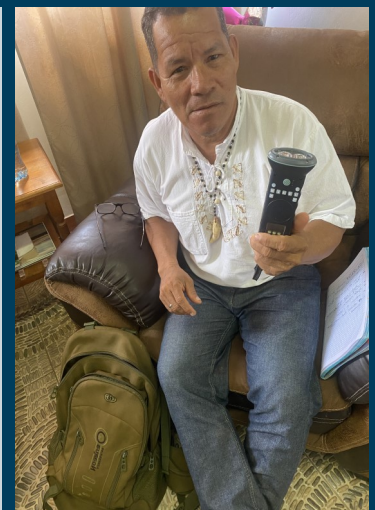


Thanks to the partnership with Missionary Cliff Russell, Mike Sandstrom and his team the guest lodging house in San Lorenzo now has a metal roof.



We ministered in two communities while in Pisco where churches have been planted. It was a blessing to distribute food and supplies to 100 families.

It's a wonderful blessing to partner with Renew World Outreach. Our evangelists were able to deliver 50 Torch audio Bibles to tribal groups where many of the people do not read or write.



Guido and Anita in front of MEPI Pisco



Visiting the Bible Academy in Con-tamana. There are 25 students and we are thankful for the leadership of Director Alejandro Inapi and his wife.



Progress is being made on the MEPI Academy expansion project left wing, second level.



Cristo Vive Church in Con-
tamana is on fire with enthusi-
asm over the goodness of God.



200 women attended the women's con-
ference at Tagaste Camp; many received
prayer and were encouraged in the Lord.



LaRae at the
Iquitos Women's
Conference with
Heidi, an emerg-
ing younger-
generational
leader.

Prayer Needs

- Pray for our evangelists and pastors that the gospel will come with a demonstration of love and power which is the forever reality of Jesus the healer.

Current Financial Needs for Amazon Outreach

- \$200,000 for Phase 2 of MEPI Iquitos expansion project (We are so blessed that the \$200,000 budget for Phase 1 of the Iquitos Academy expansion was raised in 2021 and the work is in progress. Now we are working to raise the funds for phase 2 which includes a finished courtyard with a roof where we can hold gatherings of over 1000 people. Also furniture, communication equipment, storage buildings and upgraded water filtration system.)
- \$10,000 for Bibles
- \$25,000 for construction of churches
- \$20,000 for evangelism & outreach
- \$20,000 for new water well projects
- \$10,000 for medical clinics

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