

TEEN CHALLENGE PERU

Why Should You Help? In the midst of a recession and at a time when thousands of missionaries and missions agencies are looking for donations and sponsors why should you consider giving to this? For me the answer is two-fold and it is simple:

First, this is a historic project. When the story of the nation of Peru is done being written we truly believe that this will not just become a chapter in the pages of its history, but that it will be a recurring theme that will affect many aspects of Peru, its society, and even the world! You have a chance to help us WRITE HISTORY!!

Second, this is a short term project with 100% accountability. We are going to Peru in order to fulfill a specific calling, and upon its completion we will be back home in the US. This is a 2-3 year commitment and then we are coming home. As well, we are fully accountable to the Assemblies of God, Shekinah Gloria Ministries and Teen Challenge. We have three organizations keeping us on task financially and in the ministry work.

In our humble opinion, Teen Challenge Peru is well worth the investment; and with the high levels of accountability and the outstanding historic opportunity you'd be hard pressed to find a better cause to give towards!

Objective: Our objective is to move to Peru by March of 2012 in order to plant the first ever Teen Challenge (*drug rehabilitation*) Center in that nation. The legal corporation, Desafio Juvenil Peru (*Teen Challenge Peru*) has recently been established and we are scheduled to be in Peru by March 2012 in order head up the effort. We are charged with the oversight of the entire project as well as the training of all leadership. We will also be heading up street evangelism efforts, planting an invocation house, and in time we will be planting a fully functional rehabilitation center. Currently the project is not progressing until our arrival in 2012.

History: We have been working in Peru for 7 years while simultaneously holding full-time secular employ. We have had the chance to preach the gospel to over 40,000 people across Peru and we have seen over 11,000 make a decision to follow Jesus Christ. We have given away nearly 70,000 meals in Peru and we have given away over 7 tons of goods and 8 tons of food there as well.

Our biggest project and most daunting expense is the school that we planted in a small farming village just outside of Trujillo, Peru. The school is in its 6th year of existence and we recently matriculated 62 students for the 2011 school year. We will continue this work as long as the need exists and until the school has full autonomy and is able to continue providing a 100% FREE education (*along with humanitarian support*) on its own without our assistance.

In late 2009 one of our very first students, a 13 year old young girl named Maria, was brutally murdered. This horrific incident sent us reeling and caused us to do some major searching. When we sought the Lord we found out that the young man who was accused of murdering her was also drunk and possibly on drugs at the time of the murder. As we considered everything that had happened and asked the Lord what our proper response should be we felt a specific tug to go to Peru. We didn't know where, why, or for how long- but we knew we had to go to Peru.

As we contacted the missionaries on the field and shared our heart, our past, and our vision the answer came back- TEEN CHALLENGE. For years Teen Challenge had desired to plant a center within Peru and no one had stepped up to take on the challenge. Since we knew of the need firsthand, and had a family member who needed to leave the country 3 years prior because his nation had no solution for his drug problems, it wasn't a difficult decision for us to make. The Lord quickly confirmed His calling for us to head to Peru and plant the very first Teen Challenge Center in the history of that nation!

Need: Teen Challenge is the number one rehabilitation program in the world and it currently exists in 88 nations worldwide. Currently there is no Teen Challenge in Peru and there are no successful drug rehabilitation programs in that nation.

Our primary focus will be in an area called Villa El Salvador, which resides within the capital city of Lima. It is an area of approximately 500,000 residents which houses approximately 150,000 youth under the age of 18. Although Teen Challenge Peru will be a national effort for all of those who are in need across that nation, the fact remains that Villa El Salvador is an area of extreme desperation. They have the highest percentage of gang members, assaults, murders, rapes, and drug addiction in the nation of Peru. It is an area where over a half dozen gang fights take place on a nightly basis, and prior to the drug epidemic it was a major hub for terrorist activity.

Children from the age of 7-9 years old are already addicted to coca paste (*a left-over toxic substance from the production of cocaine*) and on any given night you can see thousands of youth gathered together throughout dozens of areas within Villa El Salvador smoking coca paste in the middle of the streets. Most children will join a gang in order to have protection and cheap access to goods. Some young girls turn to prostitution even before they hit puberty.

In order to reach these children in Villa El Salvador and other areas throughout Peru we are in need of four things:

- 1- We need your prayers! We are going into a desperate area and leaving everything we've worked so hard for here in the US. It will be a difficult task in a very dangerous area- but with your prayers we know that we can expect miraculous results and provision!!
- 2- We need monthly sponsors to take a step of faith and partner with us in this effort prior to March of 2012. Even after cutting over 20% of our budget we are still in need of another \$2,000/month in order to reach the field and plant Teen Challenge Peru. Can you assist us with a \$25, \$50, \$100 (*or any other amount*) commitment monthly?
- 3- We need one time gifts to finish obtaining our cash budget and to help purchase land and building materials for the new center/s in Peru. We are in need of just under \$10,000 to complete our cash budget before we arrive to the field and we will need ongoing support to help establish the center/s once we arrive in Peru.
- 4- We are looking for teams to come to Peru and do short-term outreaches in various areas of that nation. This year we went into two villages that had never had missionaries visit before, one town had NEVER had one SINGLE AMERICAN visit in the history of the village! We are planning on taking teams into various areas of Peru and hosting outreaches and sharing the hope that Teen Challenge will bring to those in need. There are areas throughout Peru that are greatly lacking a full gospel witness and are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance and our prayer is that various teams would visit us in Peru to reach out to these forgotten people! In time we would also like to host teams to assist with construction of the future Teen Challenge center in Peru.

Vision: Our vision is to establish a Teen Challenge invocation center within our first 6 months of arrival in Peru. Once the invocation center is established, we want to purchase land and establish a residential rehabilitation center with a farm so that the center will be semi-autonomous, with the goal of full autonomy and replication in the long-term. We desire to plant at least one male and one female residential center within 3 years of our arrival in Peru. These are very lofty goals, but with your help and prayers we know that it is possible!

We envision fully autonomous centers which implement current Teen Challenge practices, standards, teachings, and methodology. We plan on doing dozens of outreaches across Peru and raising awareness of the new Teen Challenge program. Once the program is fully established we will be offering career training and we will work with private and governmental organizations to ensure the long-term success of all graduates. Our goal is that the men, women, and youth who come into our lives would leave us different than when they arrived!

Methodology: Our methods to implement these efforts will be three-fold.

- 1- We will utilize monthly sponsors in order to ensure our continued support in the local efforts for a minimal 2-3 year period.
- 2- We will train up local leaders and immediately utilize them in the ministry and outreach efforts until they are ready for autonomy.
- 3- We will utilize international churches and businesses, local Peruvian businesses, and governmental programs in order to purchase land and help build our centers.

How You Can Help: In order to reach the children in Villa El Salvador and other areas throughout Peru we petition that you consider at least one of these options:

- 1- Decide to partner with us on a monthly basis and support us as we reach out to the forgotten youth of Peru.
- 2- Allow us the opportunity to share this vision with your congregation.
- 3- Share our videos and website with friends, family, and your church in the hopes that they too will catch the vision for Teen Challenge Peru, or even for our school El Nuevo Jordan.
- 4- We are looking for teams to come and join us for the outreach and construction programs in Villa El Salvador and elsewhere in Peru. Short-term teams would come for a 7-21 day basis and would assist us in efforts to reach, teach, and construct.

Who We Are: Rev. Matthew & Aracelli Cullipher are the founders of Shekinah Gloria Ministries, Inc and have been working in Peru since 2004. We have had the privilege of doing work in 10 different nations where we have shared the gospel with over 45,000 people and we have seen over 12,000 make a decision to follow Jesus Christ. We have done our work on a shoestring budget with a small charity and only a handful of faithful sponsors. We are big dreamers who serve a big God and have seen big results! Yet, much like the worship song states, we are expecting even greater things to come!!

You can see our previous and current work on www.someoneispraying.com

You can find information on Teen Challenge Peru at www.operation2819.com

We greatly appreciate your time and consideration and we trust that we can count on you to keep these efforts and our family in your prayers!

God bless you,

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