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International

# WBI Updater

“Serving the least of these...”

## What is Happening in the Deaf Community in Lima??

There is much to be done in the Deaf Community in Lima. We are thrilled to be supporting Pedro, as he continues to work tirelessly in reaching Deaf adults. He hosts weekly Deaf Adult Bible Studies and he also teaches hearing children sign language. We are thrilled to see that the group of Deaf adults and families attending the Lima Cercado Church continues to grow. Our focus continues to be on how to do things better. Are we doing the best that we can in reaching this community? We continue to focus on what are the most cost-effective ways to make the most impact. What are their needs? What are our resources? We know that



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Left: Sue with some of the students currently learning Peruvian Sign Language in order to become interpreters at the Lima Cercado Church.

education is vital. We also know that the obstacles for Deaf to access education seem, at this time, insurmountable. We also know that we serve a very big God. God has been leading us in different areas of education within the Deaf Community over the years. At this time we are investing heavily in interpreter train-

ing. There is no established Interpreter training program in Peru currently. There is no established, uniform Peruvian Sign Language. Until there is an established, official language, we will continue to do the best we can in helping our Peruvian friends learn as much Sign Language as possible. We also are investigating ways we can partner with

other non-profits to teach medical professionals in Peru the importance of early detection of deafness as well as Early Childhood classes for hearing parents with Deaf children. As for me, I spend so much of my time signing in Peruvian Sign Language that when I am back home talking to my Deaf American friends, I end up signing in “Spanglish”... I even confuse myself! Please keep this dear ministry in your prayers!

## Touching Lives through Jasiel

Jasiel continues to be our main focus at this time. We were so excited to be on our way to finding a place for our Day Program, but sadly that has fallen through. The program continues to meet every Saturday in homes at this time. The volunteers rotate the responsibility every week, as some have more room than others. I (Sue) was just down in October

on a Medical Mission trip partnering with Grace Church. I was able to bring two friends and wonderful supporters of WBI to a Saturday meeting of Jasiel. We all had a wonderful time, and Deb, one of the gals I brought along, asked “Where did you find this delightful group of people?” I could tell that both she, and Becky, my other friend, were

both touched by their time spent with our Jasiel Friends. I wish I could bring you all down so that you could experience the love, warmth, and friendship that is so greatly present in this group. I can tell you about it but until you experience it, you will never fully know what it is like. Jim and I are headed down at the end of November for 10 days and we will be having several Christmas Outreaches with Jasiel in

Callao, Jasiel in Pachacutec, and with our Deaf Friends at the Lima Cercado Church. We are amazed at what God is doing thru simple acts of kindness and friendship that deeply touch these families’ lives. These moms need to know that they do not walk alone which goes against everything that their culture teaches them. Being the hands and feet of Christ in simple ways makes huge impacts.

## “What do you Need??”

I get this question all the time. “What do you guys need for your ministry in Lima?” “What can I donate?” The short answer to that is money. We are always looking to expand our donor base, increase our committed monthly partners and are ever grateful for the occasional donor. (See Jim’s article on ways to give!) With that said, there are also other ways we could use help. So far we have been the recipients of not one, but two pediatric wheelchairs! These specialty wheelchairs are almost non-existent in Peru. I can find adult wheelchairs for a reasonable price in Lima; pediatric ones I cannot find! Currently, I know of about 50 or more kids that are waiting for a wheelchair. We do not

pretend to be “Joni and Friends” whose mission it is to bring wheelchairs to remote parts of the world. We do, however, visit Lima frequently and each time we go down we can check a wheelchair for free. And I plan on never going down empty handed! If I don’t have a pediatric chair to bring down, I bring down adult ones. So, if you have any wheelchairs (or a rolling walker) that are in good, working order, and you would like to donate, then please don’t hesitate to give me a call. I’ll be happy to arrange a pick up! We will gladly send you a receipt of donation at the end of the year for your taxes.



Sue with Victoria and she receives a donated pediatric wheelchair for one of her many physically challenged children she serves.

## Pachacutec Keeps Growing!

We just received word that this past Saturday the tiny little church in Pachacutec was host to 40 kids and their moms for their inaugural meeting of Jasiel Pachacutec!! After months and months of planning and preparing their team of volunteers, the big day had arrived. 50 families were invited to be a part of this, and a good 40 of them showed up for fun, fellowship, singing and teaching. I am so incredibly proud of our ministry partner, Victoria for preserving in establishing this ministry. She has overcome a variety of

*“Jasiel” means Creation of God*

obstacles in establishing this ministry, and we are excited to see where God takes this ministry. The need in Pachacutec is great, this is a very poor, very densely populated area where many of our young moms (and older moms) end up after the dads

abandon the families. Our goal is to establish more Jasiel programs in more churches as time and resources allow, but for now we will be grateful and celebrate this new beginning!!! We have learned a ton from this experience, which will, hopefully, make the next start up a bit easier!

## Prayer Requests por favor

⇒ For our time in Lima Nov 29<sup>th</sup> to Dec 9<sup>th</sup> including safe travels, our baggage to arrive with us and make it through customs; that we make the most of our time down there - our docket is very full of meetings, networking, planning and outreaches. Pray for our health too!

⇒ For Jasiel to find a place to call ‘home’. Soon.

⇒ For Jasiel in Pachacutec to continue to grow and thrive.

⇒ For the hearts of the leadership in the next church that will be hosting a Jasiel Program; pray that God would be preparing them to receive this new ministry.

⇒ For God to lead us to this next new church.

⇒ Pray for Angelita to find a job—see photo caption on page 3.



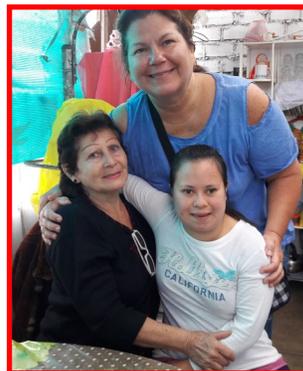
Our faithful team who serve at the Pachacutec Jasiel site.

## The Season of Giving

The lifeblood of any nonprofit is its donors and we have been blessed with awesome people supporting WBI. We have seen steady growth in donations over the past few years and as a result of that have been able to expand our mission field. 2019 is shaping up to be an exciting year as we work to get our nonprofit status in Peru, expand our programs in the disability communities in Peru and establish an office/meeting space/hostel in Lima. We will be meeting with our Peru team in December to plan out 2019 programming and seeking God's wisdom for expanding the Jasiel program. As the year comes to a close, I want to remind you of the many ways you can contribute to this ministry. For those of you with cold hands,

we make and sell mittens to supplement donations. Contact us to find out where our mitten baskets are located. One-time cash and check donations are always appreciated. Credit card donations can be done through Paypal on our website (wbint.org) and can also be set up for monthly donation. As a reminder, some employers have matching programs for employee donations to charities. We are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit and a few of our donors have taken advantage of their companies matching programs that double their contribution. And lastly, some banks have a bill paying program that can send your monthly contributions by check. We are excited to see God work in the lives of those we serve and we

would love to share with you how your donations are impacting lives in Peru.



Sue with her friends Yessenia and mom, Angelita. These 2 live in a small room together and struggle to make ends meet. Dad has died and mom needs prayer to find a job.

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*Psalm 139: 13-16*

*For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.*

*My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.*

## Mission Statement:

*Without Borders International reaches across border to improve the quality of life of people who are disadvantaged by providing critical services to help them spiritually, vocationally, emotionally, and socially.*

Sue (middle) with Kesei and Flor, two sisters from the Jasiel program. Always a smile on their faces!



## A letter from the Executive Director...

Sometimes I feel like we make one step forward and then two steps back. We have been working very hard to find a place to call home for the Day Program down in Lima. We sincerely felt that we had found the right place to make a good start in the church that housed the existing Saturday Jasiel Program. I had traveled to Peru in June/July to solidify this relationship, lay the groundwork for the renovation, and establish the working parameters for this relationship. As things progressed some major misunderstandings occurred,



Sue with Dr. Roberto who works with Health Bridges International, a non-profit WBI partners with to bring education to the disability

whether due to cultural differences, communication issues or personality conflicts, God decided to close the door on that relationship. I truly believe it was God protecting us from what would have been a tumultuous relationship. Unfortunately, it sends us back to square one in finding a place to call home for Jasiel. That said, I am so excited to see where God is leading us!! I believe that He wants us to be thinking BIGGER and BETTER than what we have been. Stay tuned. This story is still unfolding!