

Dear Calvary family,

I want to start by saying WOW!

We serve an awesome God. Our mission trip to Peru was a total blessing. The work that the Lord had us do in San Andres, Pisco was amazing. As a team we felt all of your prayers and we also felt the opposition wanting to stop our every move.

When it was all done, Satan lost, GOD won and we were in the middle of this battle, what an exciting place to be!

So let me tell you what our 30 middle school students did. When we arrived in Lima after an 8 hour flight we had to get on a bus and take what should have been a 4 hour bus ride, yet it turned into a 7 hour excruciating long ride.

As we arrived in Pisco it was a blessing to see our family in San Andres, Pastor Marco and his church were so excited to see us. We began to prepare for the second annual Calvary Chapel San Andres Freedom Celebration. This is what we have been preparing for nine months. Our face painters, our balloon artists, the skit teams and let's not forget the rock stars of the event the clown team, the kids from

San Andres went nuts when they saw the clowns come out of the bus, it was like if Justin Bieber was in town.

Pastor Chris was the MC of the two nights and he did awesome, he captured the attention of all the youth as he was being stretched out of his normal comfort zone. Overall there were hundreds of kids and their families both nights and many received the Lord in their hearts for the first time.

We then had a Easter sunrise service, the first ever in San Andres, 6 am in the park, many showed up for this early morning service and we pray this will be an annual event. The rest of the day was filled with us as a team ministering to the church family, we were able to feed the church kids and all their families both with the Word of God and then delicious Peruvian food.

The following day we went to a local middle school, if our kids ever complain about uniforms I need to show them pictures of the uniforms these kids wear and they will stop complaining, here on this campus our kids were able to interact with them some of our boys joined a basketball game and were able to show off some of their moves, praise God it wasn't soccer because they would of schooled us, we then

went on to perform our clown skit and finally pastor Chris got all the kids pumped up it was awesome. We had kids wanting our Facebook page so they can follow us and we gave many our email because many wanted to build new relationships with our kids.

Our next stop was an elementary school where our puppet team shared the gospel in a school heavily populated by Catholics, the principal remembered us from last year and was very excited to see us again, we believe God has opened this door for us so we can minister to the many children who already go to pastor Marcos church.

This year again we hit the sand dunes in ICA where our kids and some of the church body youth helpers hopped on dune buggies and went sand boarding down the slopes, fun, fun, fun.....

Our good bye was the hardest ever, there were kids hugging, crying and many not wanting to leave, pastor Marco said "it's awesome to see Americans and Peruvians love each other so much and truly bond with each other in such a short time." Even our boys teared up but they said it was their eyes sweating, yea right!

Then came Gods wonder Machu Picchu, for nine months I had the picture on my desktop but to see it person was absolutely AWESOME words cannot describe it you'll just have to come and see it for yourself.

All in all this was a great trip and Gods hand was guiding us throughout this entire journey, we have many pictures on our Facebook page so check it out. CCCS Middle School Peru Team.

Thank you again for your prayers and support, it's good to be home I love America but we left a piece of heart in Peru.

Gods Servant,  
Pastor Joe