



Siloam's Ministry of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:6)

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Dear Siloam friends and investors

Our second Bible camp for children in Peru conducted in August 2018 was a tremendous success and was responsible for bringing 27 youngsters into a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The total number that attended was 87 aged between 7 and 13, which means that over 31% of the children committed their lives to Christ. – Praise God!

Siloam knows of no better way of preventing a child from embarking on a life of crime, becoming addicted to unhealthy habits such as alcohol and tobacco not to mention more harmful substances, than by bringing them into a personal relationship and commitment to our Saviour Jesus Christ. Many 'in the world' would say we are brainwashing children but I can assure you that no coercion is necessary when youngsters come to realise their natural carnal attributes that we are all born with as a result of our fallen nature. No-one ever has to teach a child how to lie or steal. These traits seem to be programmed into us all naturally which is why through careful teaching and explaining, a young person needs to have the important life choices before them, carefully made clear, so they can avoid taking the wrong path in life which will surely lead to a lost eternity.

For just £37 last year we provided a holiday for a young person away from their desperately poor homes in and around Comas, a vast shanty town on the edge of Lima, Peru's capital. Perhaps you may recall our last newsletter featuring our 'Leg Up' ministry in Peru which helps mothers become self-supporting?

Just think of it, for less than £40 our co-workers can have the valuable opportunity to rescue a young soul and win them for the Kingdom of God. This is perhaps the best value for money we can offer as our Bible camps normally cost, per child far more. But, because August in Peru is winter time, we can rent the 'Nelson camp' facilities far cheaper than those that use them during the summer.



3 good meals a day provide the energy necessary not just for physical activities but also for absorbing God's Word.



A chance to play on a flat grassy field, something most of these children have hardly ever seen previously, causing some of them to believe they were in another country!



Our thanks go to the volunteers and Childcare Worldwide staff who provided the nourishing food that the children really enjoyed.



Winning those prizes and gifts at the end of the week to take home and show to the family.

Train up a child in the way (he) (she) should go; and when he/she is older, they will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Each day began with prayer then exercises followed by a substantial breakfast. The children were then organised into teams so that a healthy atmosphere of competition prevailed and gave them an opportunity to win prizes at the end of the camp. The 5 days were full of many activities including a tug of war, face painting, drama and in the evening, challenging messages were brought by Pastor Jack Alzamora.

If you would like a copy of Pastor Jack's teaching notes then please request them by ticking the appropriate square on our response form when you return it together with your donation.

Please look at our Bible camp postcard as well, which explains how we hope to raise the funds based on previous commitments of giving to this our most popular children's outreach project.

Please take time to thumb through our brochure, as I believe my captions will speak into your heart as they bring the visual images to life.

I don't believe I should write anymore right now but I will be praying that you will want to be part of this Siloam initiative and help Pastor Jack win another young person for the Kingdom of God.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those your love will touch this month in Peru



Taking part in biblical drama has a powerful effect on the minds of youngsters who come to realise why Jesus loves us so much, enough in fact to die for us.



Physical times as well like this tug of war but let us not forget the spiritual tug of war that goes on in the unseen world for the souls of our young people, which we are called to confront.

I know of no more profitable way you could invest with Siloam this month, than by providing a holiday in a challenging Christian atmosphere for youngsters such as these.



Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK

P.S Please do take time to linger over the photos and let them speak to your heart about how much you should invest with Siloam this month. As an alternative, you may prefer to support our eye ministry in India, project: 009 which is always in need of valued funds to help pay for eye surgery which many poor people are unable to afford – thank you. Richard Norton



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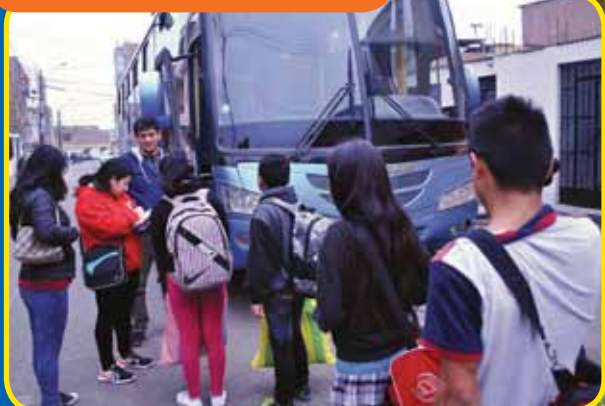


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Photos from our camp in August 2018

Siloam's sponsored Bible camp in Peru last year took place between July 30th and August 3rd. This gave 4 nights and 5 days to 87 youngsters aged between 7 and 13 years old. By the end of the camp, 27 of the children had given their lives to Christ and received the gift of Eternal life. Praise God!



Leaving the Childcare Worldwide centre of Comas where most of the disadvantaged youngsters come from, for the 2 hour bus trip to the Nelson campsite.



Leading the young people to their well-appointed accommodation, a new experience for most of them who never leave the shanty town of Comas.



Onsite there was a large centre building where meals could be enjoyed as well as plenty of space for indoor activities to be enjoyed in the evenings.



The children were accommodated in comfortable cabins with twin beds and adequate washing facilities where they would be looked after for 5 days.



The sports field afforded plenty of open space which the youngsters really enjoyed. Games were carefully organised to promote physical activities that would challenge and inspire them to achieve great things in the future.

Margo, the camp leader and director supervises some of the children preparing answers to a quiz challenging their knowledge of scripture.



Many children don't enjoy breakfast in Peru as their mothers have to leave home early in the distant shanty towns to find work.



Three good wholesome meals a day was perhaps too much for some kids as they had not experienced this 'luxury' at home.



The campsite was located in an area surrounded by rugged mountains and for many of these children it was the first time that they had seen a grass field laid out as a sports field. Indeed, some of the children thought they were in another country and not Peru as they had never visited this kind of facility before.



There were a lot of friendships formed during the 5 days and being away from their negative home surroundings helped them to open up more and be more receptive to the Gospel message.



A child's holiday last year cost just £37.00

The green team are challenging the yellow team. The idea is to use a sponge to empty the bucket of water at the front of the team by allowing the sponge to fill up and then pass it down the line where it can be squeezed by the last member of the team. The sponge is then returned to the beginning of the line, refilled with water and passed back over the group again, until the last man squeezes out the last drop.



You will appreciate that in this game everybody gets very wet but it's great fun.



Swimming on a wet plastic sheet, another competition which provided much fun.

This game was really great fun for those that participated and others that just watched. In spite of everybody getting very wet, no-one appeared to suffer any ill-effects.





Please respond positively by 31st August 2019 - thank you

In the evening times Pastor Jack Alzamora provided encouraging but challenging messages tailored towards the understanding of the children. Most of the kids that came would have had little or no spiritual input in their lives, were it not for the Christian character development sessions they attend at the Childcare Worldwide centres, once a week.



Here's another fun game where you blow a table tennis ball along of line of cups filled with water.



Notice the concentration as each participant tries not to blow too hard and be disqualified.



Trips to the mountain streams were a favourite as many of these children had never experienced this, living as they do in the high hillsides of Comas where you hardly ever see grass growing, let alone running water.



This was like paradise to some children who never experience a time away from the slums and shanty towns where they are being brought up.



Preparing those memory scripture verses and completing the quiz help to win points for the prizes at the end of the 5 days.

Siloam's overall Bible camp budget for 2019

Poland	£ 4,000
Romania	£ 4,000
Peru	£ 4,000
Bulgaria	£ 5,000
Ukraine	£ 7,000
Total	£24,000



The nearby swimming pool was a facility that many children enjoyed for the first time. These facilities just don't exist in Comas so our 'gift of Love' last August really did bring a lot of happiness.

Face painting was another activity which the kids loved and which gave another opportunity for a competition.



Cooling off in the heat making use of the available water was something these children could never do back home.



One of our team leaders (on the right) supervises the mealtime after a long day of enjoyment.

No camp would be complete without a campfire on the last night. This seems to inspire singing and worship as they gather round the flames to enjoy the warmth in the cool of the evening.



It was great to make so many children happy and to see their smiles and hear their appreciation. Only your gifts made this possible last year so I am determined we will do this again in August 2019.



Testing how 'shaky' your hand is when stacking plastic tumblers was a pursuit that needed a steady hand against the ticking clock.



The time was all too short and sadly the children had to return to their humble homes on the 5th day. But, it was a great holiday and we know that many children were blessed and challenged spiritually which is why 27 made a confessional faith in Jesus Christ.



Saying 'thank you' to the sponsors who made this camp possible last year. Together we made many children happy and Siloam was privileged to be your channel of love that made it possible.



Siloam's gift to these desperately poor children will cost £4,000 this August.