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“In the Fullness of Time”

I know there are no coincidents yet I still have to sometimes scratch my head in wonder. Last year about this time I received an email I'll never forget. John Jackson, a life-long friend had finally trusted in Christ. It is quite a conversion story. When we met in hunting camp a month later, he explained how the Lord had been working in his life. For years he had been making excuses until one Sunday morning he was brought to the foot of the Cross. John is truly a changed man. Praise God. He said, “if only I would have believed sooner.” Our time schedule is not the Lord's time schedule. Later that winter John and his wife Aleida attended a PCA church in Sumter, SC. They learned of a mission trip to Peru, about a missionary family in the mountains near Huaraz. John and his wife Aleida were signed up! They were headed to the Rockwell's in July, the same place Jan and I visited with a team from Grove City College in January! It's wonderful how God works through his people!



John, harvesting grain in the mountains of Peru

John sent me another email from Peru and said, “Yesterday, I ate lunch in the church where your team from Grove City College put a roof on. I am happy to report it doesn't leak! Oh...by the way, it's not raining!!!”

Jan and I are now planning another mission trip over the Christmas holiday with a group of Grove City College students. Trips in the past with these students have been memorable trips. It is refreshing to work with young, enthusiastic Christian kids who want to serve the Lord. This year's trip is no different. We have seven students lined up and we are headed to Asia. Lord willing, we will be working in a home for Leper's children, conducting a Vacation Bible School, sports camp, and other “stuff!” (Mission to the World has suggested we keep a low profile on this trip and avoid mentioning the exact location.) It adds to the excitement and anxiety! Following the last planning meeting with the students, they decided to meet once a week to pray, study Scripture, and plan for the trip. I was pleasantly surprised they took the initiative to prepare for their mission trip! We are honored to have such committed members on this mission trip.

Please be in prayer that all the preparations work out. It's a complicated trip, planning visas, airfare, and project tasks.



New Roof! Christmas 2010 mission trip during the dedication of the new roof

Please keep us in your prayers as we plan for the future.

In His service,
Dan and Jan