

# FEBRUARY NEWS FROM AMMC

## PERU MISSION DECEMBER 2014 TO JANUARY 2015



See this woman on the left? She is a single mother. She's a missionary.

- She has cancer.
- She has been serving the Lord among the mountain people of northern Peru for 15 years!

**Last year in 2014 she and her small team:**

- Led 470 people to Jesus Christ.
- Held 208 Bible studies.
- Distributed over 5,000 Gospel tracts and other Christian materials.

This month's edition is dedicated to dear Astrid. Please enjoy the testimonies. Please give to help this wonderful missionary lady.

Any gifts received this month (outside of standing orders ) received between the end of February (2015) and the end of March will be sent directly to her over Easter.

Please donate on line or via the banking at the end of this issue. God bless you. Love Jerry.

### **From Astrid in Peru**

Hello from the Peruvian Andes!!!! Thank the Lord for another wonderful year for Him. And a big thank - you too to all of you who have helped make it possible!!!! GOD BLESS YOU!

What a victory that the written Word can venture to places beyond our personal reach!!

The Lord has raised up fantastic friends, dentists, doctors teachers and volunteers. They have been a major key in reaching the people here. The nationals have the Knowledge and insights to the needs,

customs and attitudes of the people whose way of thinking has been formed by their poverty and day to day struggle for survival.

We held most of our Christmas activities for the mountain areas in late October and November to get ahead of the rainy season. That gave us the time needed to zero in on the often overlooked homeless elderly. Through friends the Lord supplied literally a van load of food and warm clothing which we took to the homeless shelter we work with as well as to individuals on the streets.

Here are a few of the precious people we ministered to as well as a couple of testimonies for your encouragement----



Romina, one of our teen Bible students shares Christmas cheer with Luis. Luis was a farmer whose family came to Huaraz 7 years ago looking for a better life. Unable to find work here his kids moved on telling him to wait for them here. A sad tale that is often told- they were unable to support him any longer. Luis is a hard worker. Not wanting to beg , he makes ropes by weaving strands from torn market bags. When all others abandon us , Jesus will still always be with us. That is the reason for the joy on his face.



picture 2- Astrid with Pedro as he prays to receive Jesus into his heart. You are never too old to be born again.





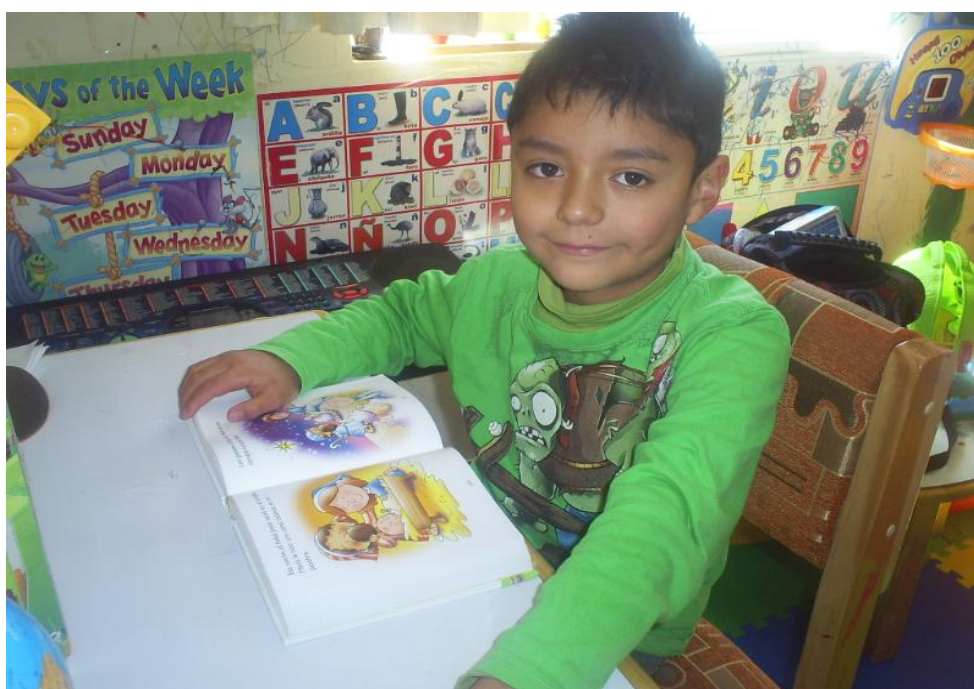
picture 3- Maria a volunteer comforts and cares for an elderly man we call Abuelo- grandfather. No one here knows his real name or how old he is but I am sure Jesus does and that is what matters. He was brought to the shelter from the streets years ago.



picture 4- Shining faces of mountain kids who have just received the best Christmas gift of all!!! Gods gift of eternal life through Jesus.



picture 5- testimony time! Meet Nora- translated from spanish. { I grew up in a small farming village near Carhuaz. My parents were simple farmers and like many women in the mountains, my mother never learned to read or write. My parents wanted better for us children and worked hard to give us a good education. Life in my village was hard but I was able to work my way through highschool and eventually nursing school. That is when I met Astrid and her sons. They led me to Jesus and have taught me so much about God.. They also provided me with wonderful reading materials to take to my family and friends in the mountains. By a miracle I have gotten a government job teaching health and reading to illiterate adults in the mountains. I have to walk up to 3 hours to get to some of them but I love my job. My missionary friends are helping me with Christian teaching materials. I cannot express how much these materials mean to these people I work with! They give them so much mentally and spiritually. Most of all they give them Jesus.





picture 6- Here is Jose Augusto, a normal 7 year old by a miracle of God! Two years ago Jose was diagnosed with high level autism . He had many learning challenges. His parents Carlos and Maureen, asked for help. Working with Jose it soon became obvious his problems were not just physical. Little by little we were able to explain about spiritual battles to his parents who along with Jose prayed to receive Jesus in their hearts. Then with regular cleansing of Gods Word Jose miraculously started to change. Now Jose is happy, well adjusted and doing good in school. Thank the Lord!

Hope you were inspired by our news update. May God bless you with a wonderful new year!!!!

Love, Astrid and team



Excerpts from Astrid's testimony. (Previously published by AMMC two years ago.)

I was born in east Germany . We escaped to the > west and migrated with my family to Canada when I was 3. > There as I was growing up in an immigrant family we often > attended Church- whichever one my dads current boss was > attending so I had a wide variety of Christian upbringing > although I never actually read the Bible. My spiritual > life got lost in the shuffle. I loved the stories of > Jesus and felt so close to him as a child but never really > knew Him as a personal friend > As a teen I got into drugs and bad company as a > lot of teens do but it was his voice speaking to my heart > what was right that kept me from going to the extreme. > Then when I was 16 I met a wonderful group of > Christians witnessing in a park in my home town. They shone > with such peace and happiness. -By that time my thoughts and > goals in life had already been besmirched by the world > around me so I bombarded them with so many doubts and > questions. I expected them to argue but each time they > simply opened their Bible and showed me the answers. I was > truly amazed that a little book could hold so much truth. > Jesus's Words through His written page spoke louder then > their words ever could have. I received Jesus in my heart > that day and went out and bought my first Bible and just > read and read through the Gospels. They gave me Bible >

classes to help guide me through and I started going out > witnessing with them. I knew then that that was my > life's calling- to give to others what Jesus had given to > me. > After high school I went into official Missionary > training with Project Outreach- and went to the Philippines > as my first assignment which lasted 18 years during which > time I got married and raised a family. Most of my children > are also missionaries. We have also been missionaries in > Japan, Korea, the States and now Latin America. > I have been a missionary for 37 years and know the most > wonderful thing in life is seeing lives complete transform > through the Lord.

Three of my oldest kids are now full time missionaries in the Philippines, United Arab Emirates and South Pacific Islands.

**From Jerry:**

Astrid told me last year her budget for a year there is just over US\$10,000. I don't know how you can survive on that amount of money, and we have lived ourselves in some very poor countries!

**Let's give our funding and prayers into mission works where people are receiving the Lord and the harvest fields are ripe at the sacrifice of great men and women of God like Astrid. We think we have problems; we have hardly begun to be stressed! \***

She recently apologised for being 'late' with some news because her laptop was old and difficult sometimes to connect with e internet:

*'How was your Christmas? Here it was really good. The Lord held off the rain for almost a week so we were able to accomplish a lot. I have pictures and testimonies ready to send. My computer is a 12 year old laptop with only 80 gig hard drive so I don't have a Word program- very very basic send and receive mail only.'*

*Thank you.*

**'If you are can't be a missionary support one.' God will mightily bless you for it. Donate to Astrid in Peru on line at [www.missionarychristian.org](http://www.missionarychristian.org) or use the banking immediately below! Thank you.**

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**Coming next month, God willing:**

***'Time in China' -- a summary of our first three years in China between 2001-2004.***

***'China's great social problems and how they affect us all!'***