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Peru Report
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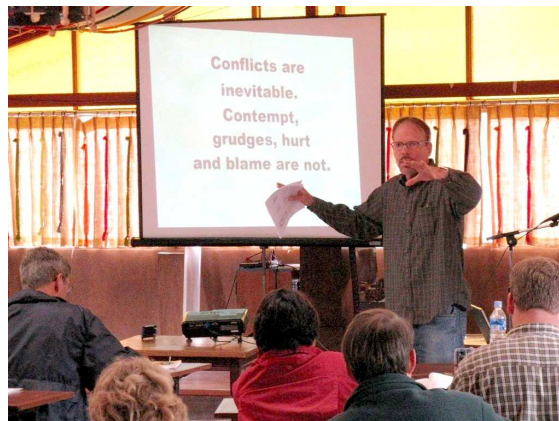
**Your prayers and financial support allowed us to travel to a conference in Peru.
Missionary families from all over South America gathered for:**

***Encouraging one another
Worship
Prayer
Strategizing
Teaching
Re-energizing with their children***



How you ministered to them through us:

***We spoke on strengthening their marriages and teams.
They scheduled with us for individual counseling sessions.
We were booked solid every afternoon and evening.
What a fulfilling privilege to counsel people in ministry who are totally sold out to
God and investing so much in the lives of others.***



Types of issues we consulted on:

Normal family concerns with most having young, school-aged children.

**How to protect their children and themselves
emotionally and physically during dangerous periods.
Many had survived violent political unrest.**

**Psychological recovery from kidnapping/assault/robberies.
Traveling to the conference one woman escaped kidnappers by throwing herself from a
moving car.**

**Spiritual attacks from indigenous healers
who assigned people to impair specific missionaries.
Wisdom and psychological savvy in discerning relational traps.**

**Balanced self-care to prevent exhaustion.
Many work with very poor, unreached tribal groups.
They are powerful evangelists and disciplers living daily among those they serve.**

A case example:

**In some tribal groups little girls are sexually abused by older brothers and cousins.
When they go to their mothers for help, they are told, "That's just the way it is."
The mothers themselves were molested until they grew old enough to physically
fight off the attacks. Of course, salvation for the perpetrators is needed. But often
it is the wounded children and women who come first for help.
The missionaries asked us for advice in their counseling and prayer ministry with
these victims. We also brainstormed about how to culturally empower the
mothers to protect their children and break this generational pattern.**



God has used you to minister to these people!

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**Fun Fact: We enjoyed eating local foods such as guinea pig and alpaca (like a llama).
Thanks for praying for our health while we were away.**