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Letter from the President: Mighty Hearts International

Spring 2013

Mighty Givers Campaign

As Mighty Hearts International celebrates its 5-year anniversary, I have to pause to reflect on a remarkable journey we have been on. Ten years ago I never imagined this ministry to be a possibility. Surely I wasn't thinking about serving our Lord by serving others on such a scale, especially poor and disadvantaged children in Peru. God instructs us to make plans but His plans will prevail—he irons out the wrinkles in what we think we should do to allow us the opportunity to “change course”. I can only contemplate the future of MHI but at this point it is clear we are to continue our work in a big way in Peru. I am committed to do that and hope you will be part of this journey.

Over the next five years I see us fulfilling our mission by growing and continuously improving children's clubs in Lima and several villages throughout the country. This means making sure leaders are trained and resourced so children are receiving excellent character development through example and AWANA-based bible training. Additionally, we are challenged to provide basic life needs such as nutrition (food and vitamins), hygiene products, clothing and medical-psychological-legal professional services. In some cases we need to help families with adequate housing as well as making school a family priority. It is a daunting responsibility but one that can be accomplished through your financial support and prayer.

Do you feel called to join this journey in a big way? One thing I hope MHI can accomplish this year is to increase the number of donors giving on a regular basis. This will greatly improve our ability to respond to the many needs of the poor so our children can learn the word of God with a mighty, healthy and joyful heart.

Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed card and return it to us in the envelope provided.

Sincerely,

*Bryan Kopesky, President
Mighty Hearts International*

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Keeping children's dreams alive



Mighty Hearts International

Our mission is to seek out forgotten, disadvantaged elementary-aged children and provide training and encouragement on a path toward Christian leadership. Children and their families are given hope through a ministry of Christ's love, and foundations are provided to meet basic needs (such as food, clothing, and medical care).

Spiritual development of children will be focused on Bible-based training and weekly club activities.

Psalm 41:1a – Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor.

Human Race Fundraiser 2013

Finish the Race!

This year's Human Race will be held Saturday, May 4th at the Thrivent Financial grounds. The Human Race is a 3K/5K run-walk that supports many local non-profit organizations including Mighty Hearts. This is the second year Mighty Hearts has participated in the race and this is our primary fundraiser to support Medical Missions.

The Human Race is very family-friendly event as there are many walkers with strollers or even with the family dog in tow! There are no official times, but people are welcome to run the course if they desire. Last year, Charles Johnson, supporting Mighty Hearts, was the unofficial winner of the race!



Meet Ashley Bellido

Ashley Bellido is one of Mighty Hearts club members from Huancayo, Peru. Huancayo is a bustling city of 350,000 people situated in the Central Highlands of Peru.

Ashley is 13 years old and lives with her father and grandmother as her parents are separated. Ashley has been faithfully attending the local Mighty Hearts club for the past five years. She was initially invited to the club by a good friend from school.

Before attending the club Ashley did not know about Jesus. Also, during this time she was very rebellious to her parents, especially her grandmother who cared for her while her father worked.

As Ashley began learning more about Jesus she accepted him as her Lord and Savior. As Ashley said, "He (Jesus) gave his life for us, and now I realize that he loves me and can listen (to me) through prayer. Through him my life began to change. I am no longer rebellious and am obedient to my father and grandmother."

Now that Ashley is 13 years old she wants to be a teacher and reach out to other children. She wants to share the love of Christ with children who are in the same situation she was in. And when she graduates school Ashley wants to be a lawyer so she can help prisoners who have been unjustly convicted of crimes. Using this ministry she wants to teach the Bible to those in prison.

To see the way Mighty Hearts has impacted her life you can look at her parents. Ashley said, "My dad and grandmother tell me that the kid's clubs are great because I changed my behavior. I listen to my parents now and my sister also attends the clubs. I'm praying that my father and grandmother will know Jesus too, this is my greatest desire."



The proceeds that are gained through pledges to the participant teams are used to purchase critical supplies for Medical Missions in Peru. One of the key items to purchase is children's vitamins. Iron deficiency is a big problem with the children in the program due to the severe poverty and the difficulty the families have in providing iron-rich foods on a regular basis. Other key supplies are instruments for iron-testing, antibiotics and anti-parasite pills for the mobile pharmacy. Whether you run or walk, Mighty Hearts needs your help!

Please either join us on May 4th as a participant or support our team!

Currently, we have over 700 children attending Mighty Hearts Clubs in several Peruvian cities and villages. It's a big job to meet the needs of these precious children. Please join us year-round to support our mission by giving at www.mightyhearts.org. Thank you!

New Director of Operations by Bryan Kopesky

Please welcome Cesar Shupingahua - Operations Director for Mighty Hearts - Peru! I met Cesar six years ago on my first trip to Peru and have stayed in touch with this wonderful young man since. Cesar, born in Lima, has been married to Vanesa for three years and they are expecting their first child any day.

Cesar graduated from Catholic University - Peru with a major in Audio-Video Communication. He has worked for several non-profit organizations including Action for Children, LABIT and most recently Compassion International. His experiences producing and distributing promotional videos and print material will be invaluable to Mighty Hearts as we work to grow and provide excellent care for our children. He will also be a key resource to update our support network with ministry needs and accomplishments.

Cesar and Vanesa have passion for serving children, especially teaching them God's word and the hope Jesus brings to the world. They both enjoy singing, watching movies and mentoring youth.



2013 Calendar of Events

May 4 - Appleton, WI Human Race Fundraiser

June 14 - 23 - AAC English as a Second Language
Mission Trip to Peru

July 15th - Peru Fellowship and Update Night, AAC 7pm

Aug 2 - 12 - AAC JR/SR Student Mission Trip to Peru

Early Sept - Mighty Hearts Barn Rummage Sale Fundraiser
at Kopesky Farm

Nov 10 - 17 - AAC International Ministries Conference