

# WBI Updater



*"Serving the least of these..."*

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## Big Blessing in Pachacutec

Last December, Jim and Sue traveled down to Lima to help with an outreach in Pachacutec. This is a very poor area of Peru, in the dusty, dirty mountains to the north west of Lima. One of our ministry partners, Victoria, works endlessly to ensure that the over 200 children she knows, all with various disabilities, are getting the care and support that their families need. One of our goals is to bring the "Jasiel" program to the Pachacutec area. The Jasiel Program provides the much-needed spiritual support that was lacking in Victoria's work. It also provides networking and emotional support to the moms of these kids. Last December, WBI went down and loaded up a bus plus several vans and took the Callao Jasiel on the road to present the Christmas Story to a very packed church in Pachacutec. The pastor then agreed to host a Jasiel program at his church! In the last 5 or so months, Victoria has been attending the small Pachacutec Christian and Missionary Alliance



Pastor Orosco with his family & Victoria.

(CMA) church and getting to know the church family. At the end of May, the Pastor made a formal announcement regarding the implementation of the Jasiel Program. Woo Hoo! It's been a

long road to get here, but it is finally happening! When Sue travels down to Lima at the end of June, she will be participating in one of the training days for the volunteers from the Pachacutec Church. In the mean time, Victoria and about four or five moms and kids have been meeting on Saturdays at a home, planning and preparing for this ministry to launch.

This has been a huge achievement for us! Just to find a church that aligns with our beliefs and is willing to receive this type of ministry has been a long ordeal. Please be in prayer for this new ministry. The church is very small and the need is very big!

Exodus 4:11 "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"



## Getting to know....

This is Johan Diaz and his mother, Zoila. Johan Diaz, as we call him because there are 2 Johan's in this group, is 34 years old. Intellectually, he is moderately disabled as well as having motor problems which have him in a wheelchair. He also has vi-

sion and speech/language challenges. His mother is a single parent and supports the two of them on a small pension. There is a brother who contributes as well. Johan faithfully attends Jasiel and really enjoys socializing with all his friends.

# What's Cooking in the Jasiel Program?

Our ministry partners at Jasiel continue to serve and love with incredible devotion. Every Saturday they spend a good portion of their day serving at Jasiel. The families that are blessed by this ministry do not take it for granted. They are very appreciative of all that goes into making a good, quality program for their (adult) children.

This most recent Mother's Day weekend, the moms of Jasiel were treated to a Spa Day, with facials, hair cuts and colors, and manicures! A beautiful, relaxing day was had by all.

The dream has always been, from the beginning of WBI's partnership with Jasiel, to make Jasiel into a Monday thru Friday program. What we call a "Day Program". Yvonne's vision is to have it be a school of sorts, where she

would bring in special education teachers a couple of times a week to teach basic reading, writing and math skills. On other days perhaps bring in a physical therapist, or a speech and language therapist. Really, the possibilities are endless. We have been working toward this goal for some time now.

One of the hurdles we must overcome is the location. Do we buy? Do we rent? Where? The cost of real estate in Lima has sky-rocketed in the past five years, so buying really seems out of the question for us at this time. Sooo... we looked into renting. This is also expensive, but much more in our price range. Finally, the answer was right in front of our faces the whole time. There is an area in the Callao Church, where Jasiel meets each week, which is currently not being used for anything other than storage and Jasiel. It's the old "Compassion Ministry" space and it is very old and run down. We have been asking the church to update the bathrooms to make them accessible to all, and to update the

kitchen, (as we feed about 100 people each week from this kitchen) but this is simply not feasible for them. Then it dawned on us, WBI would offer to pay for the remodeling of the space (it costs about \$35,000 USD) and in return they would sign a contract allowing us use of the space. It really seems like a win-win to us. **Please keep this project in your prayers.** It is really up to the Pastor at the church and if he feels that this is a good fit for his congregation.

Due to a fabulous fund-raising campaign last fall, and a very generous donation from a dear friend who left us part of her estate, we will have no problem funding this reconstruction. But that is when the real work begins. We will then need to hire staff to run this place, and we will need an operating budget... supplies, food, materials, gads!

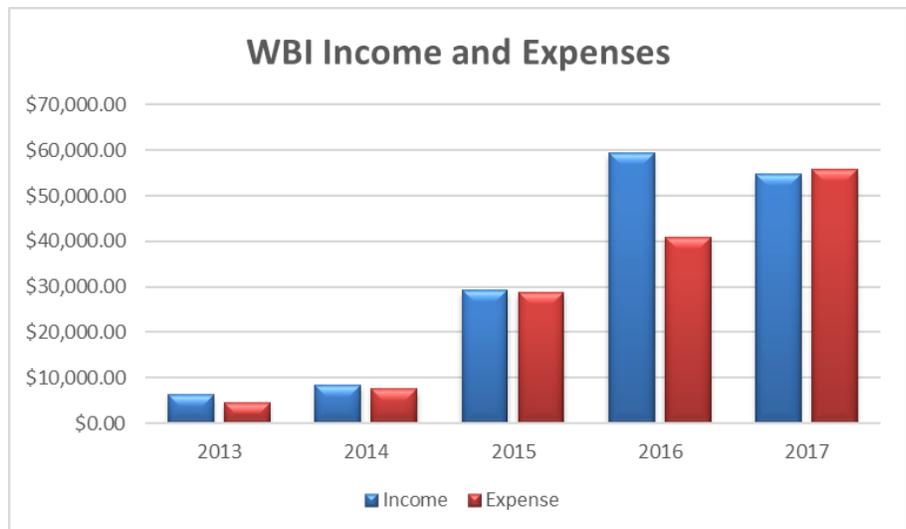
**Keep us in your prayers and please pray about how you can partner with us financially. Also, please keep Sue in your prayers as she heads down to Lima on June 28<sup>th</sup> for 10 days to hash out many of these details.**



Left to right: Sue, Yvonne (head of Jasiel), and Victoria (head of Educating the Nations), enjoying a networking lunch.

## Progress!

WBI has seen tremendous growth in the past 4 years. We would like to thank our generous donors for believing in this ministry and stepping up. With the increase in donations, we have been able to expand programs in the disability community and provide more resources to our existing programs. 2018 is looking to be a pivotal year as we proceed with getting our non-profit status in Peru and investigate our best options for having a WBI-Peru facility. Help us spread the word about WBI!



## Pedro and Lima Cercado Church

So much is happening at the Lima Cercado Church. They recently did an entire tear-down of their church and they are rebuilding, bigger and better. What is even more exciting is that they plan on having a totally handicapped-accessible building! Pedro has been busy teaching Peruvian Sign Language (PSL) to the kids in the Sunday School classes each week, as well as to adults that are interested in learning. Some of the adults even wish to become Sign Language Interpreters. Pedro also continues to have an

Adult Bible Study in his home for Deaf Adults. He has anywhere from 20 to 30 adults every week in his home learning and studying God's word in their own language. I will be visiting Pedro and his team to see how we can serve them in their quest to reach the Deaf population in their part of Lima.

Top right—Pedro with his adult sign language students. Below—Pedro with some of the members of his bible study group.



**But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.  
II Cor 12:9**

**Prayer Requests:**

⇒ For Zoila, the mom of one of our Jasiel Members, Johan. Zoila has been hospitalized with blood clots in her legs. She is very worried for her health and for the family members at home who are taking care of Johan during this time.

⇒ For all the little ones up in Pachacutec who struggle with breathing issues. It is winter there and the wetness and humidity has settled like a blanket on the mountain. It makes breathing so much more difficult. These kids are also prone to pneumonia, so please keep them all in your prayers.

⇒ Pray for all other items highlighted in red. Your prayers are much appreciated!

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## *A letter from the Executive Director...*

I am continually amazed at how far God has brought us, and really, I shouldn't be. He continues to grow us, and change us, but never taking us from our mission.

Our mission is to reach across borders to improve the quality of life of people who are disadvantaged by providing critical services to help them spiritually, vocationally, emotionally, and socially.

Each of the four programs that we are involved with in Lima continue to expand. We are very excited to be a part of this growth, and we are committed to partnering with these ministries. As we continue to grow in Lima, it has come to our attention that we, as WBI, need to establish ourselves "officially" as a non-profit in Peru. I will be traveling down to Lima on June 28<sup>th</sup> for ten days to



start this process. We have procured a reliable lawyer to help us thru this somewhat laborious labyrinth of paperwork and signatures (and fingerprints... in Lima they have you sign your name and add your index finger print...). While there, my docket it full of meetings and relationship building. One of the biggest parts of my trip will be meeting with the Pastor of the Church that houses the

As we continue to grow, our financial needs increase accordingly. We are so appreciative of all of you and your support, whether it is prayer support, moral support or financial support. We love and appreciate all gifts, but in order to move forward, we need to know we can count on you.

Would you please consider partnering with us? Your commitment of \$30.00 per month goes a looong way in Lima. We are on the verge of having the **FIRST DAY PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY OF PERU.** but we need to be able to fund the cost of the program! Please, as you consider your offerings, please consider WBI and be a part of our team!

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Jasiel Program to see if he is willing to partner with us for a Monday thru Friday Day Program for Jasiel. You can read more about this in the Jasiel Update.



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