



Mark & Jen's Jungle News

March 2025

Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting our ministry in Peru and our family. You are making a difference in so many ways!

Love,
Mark, Jennifer, Silas & Liana



Goal is Reached!



Thanks to donors, we were able to raise \$41,550 toward the purchase of the fourth Drug Rehab Facility (goal was \$40,000). We are so grateful! The purchase contract for this property should be signed in April when the lease expires. Thank you for helping bring stability to the rehab program for years to come.

Jennifer (fourth from right) visits men at Drug Rehab Facility #4. Thanks to donors, this property will be purchased next month.

Mark Visits Peru

In January, Mark traveled to Pucallpa for 10 days to visit our staff and friends at the drug rehab centers, food garden, and orthotics & prosthetics workshop. He enjoyed seeing the caretaker and the recently-drilled 60-meter well at our food garden. Mark also worked on maintenance projects and met with students at Jungle Music School in our Ministry Center.

One of the highlights of the trip for Mark was teaching on "Our Identity in Christ" at the drug rehab facilities. He emphasized how each of us is loved, forgiven, and cherished by God; no person is better or worse than another. Men and women were moved to tears as Mark prayed and shared about the love and forgiveness of God.



Mark admires the caretaker's new chicken coop at our food garden

Jennifer Visits Peru

In February, I (Jennifer) flew to Pucallpa while Mark stayed home with our kids. It was a memorable trip because I connected with many special people: current and former scholarship students for lunch at our house (Ministry Center); two families for prayer in their homes; parishioners at *Luz Divina* church where I gave a sermon; and the church youth group for a Bible lesson and dinner.



Jennifer with scholarship students (current and graduates) at the Ministry Center. The graduates shared how they are impacting the government, businesses, educational institutions, and the health care system



Jennifer is warmly welcomed at the Women's Drug Rehab Center

I also visited the men's and women's drug rehab centers. As always, I was deeply moved by the love, joy and hope that exude from these men and women. We sang together, read Scripture, prayed, shared stories, laughed, and cried. The women surprised me with a welcome sign, and then smothered me with hugs and kisses!

During my trip, I was blessed to hear people spontaneously share their hearts with me. They also sent text messages, like this one from our scholarship student, Cintya:

“Thank you for being a constant inspiration in my life. Your love, strength and dedication are a reflection of the love of God, and your guidance has been a light to my path. Thank you for always supporting me, for your prayers, advice, and for being an example of faith and goodness.”

Thank you, donors, for enabling me to love and learn from the people of Peru the last 27 years.



Jennifer and Cintya, a scholarship student who will graduate in Special Education this year

Future Plans

We are pleased that many families, churches, and ministries in Pucallpa are now self-sustaining. This gives us peace as we follow the Lord's leading to redirect our ministry of evangelism and discipleship from Peru to the Pacific Northwest.

Our goal is to wrap up our Peru programs of micro enterprise, benevolence, the food garden, and the scholarship program (with the exception of two students; see next paragraph) by the end of 2026. Other programs, like the drug rehab centers and the orthotics and prosthetics workshop, will run and grow without us after 2026. We hope donors will continue to support our ministry through December 2026 as we make this transition.

Eight of the 10 students who are currently in the scholarship program in Peru will graduate by Dec 2026, and the final two students will graduate in Aug 2027. Five of these students need support to finish college (see **Giving Opportunities** on the back of this page).

Join Us on Zoom

We host a 30-minute zoom meeting on the second Thursday of every even-numbered month to share insights and challenges, have a time of Q&A, and pray together. Please put it on your calendar and join us!

April 10, 2025 at 4 pm (Pacific time)

June 12, 2025 at 4 pm

August 14, 2025 at 4 pm

The zoom link is the same for every call:

<https://zoom.us/j/5039830360> (password is *honey*)



Thank you for supporting our ministry and family.

Blessings,

Mark, Jennifer, Silas & Liana

Silas & Liana ride a 4-wheel bike in Seaside, Oregon



Silas and Liana enjoy the Oregon Coast before Silas's basketball tournament



Liana and Mark dress up for a school event

Giving Opportunities

The five students who need financial support to finish college are listed below. These students will be starting classes in the next week or two; the school year in Peru is from March to December. Donors can give a one-time donation or a monthly donation of any amount toward these students.

Cintya will graduate in Special Education in July 2025. She needs **\$220/mo.** for college tuition, books, and room and board. Her total budget is \$320/month, of which \$100/month is covered by another donor. Total needed for 5 months is **\$1,100**.

Yokive will graduate in Marketing and Business Administration in December 2025. She needs **\$230/mo.** for college tuition. Total needed for 10 months is **\$2,300**.

Harold will graduate in Industrial Engineering in December 2025. He needs **\$180/mo.** for college tuition. Total needed for 10 months is **\$1,800**.

Jeremias will graduate in Nursing in July 2027. He needs **\$125/mo.** for books, nursing supplies, and transportation (he attends a state university with no tuition). Total needed for 25 months is **\$3,125**.

Jeferson will graduate in Law in July 2027. He needs **\$340/mo.** for college tuition, books, and room and board. Total needed for 25 months is **\$8,500**.

Where most needed: \$ _____

Morris family support: \$ _____

Please email us at JungleMinistry@gmail.com if you would like to designate your donation toward a specific student or purpose.

Checks can be made payable to "Jungle Ministry" and sent to:
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Thank you!

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