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# FRONTLINE MISSION REPORT

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## TV Broadcast License for Lima, Peru

### To reach 10 million



#### CONQUERING THE LAND OF THE INCAS

Our early pioneers opened the work in Peru through much sacrifice, traveling by foot, on donkey and by canoe for weeks on end. They trekked hundreds of miles across the Amazon jungles and crossed treacherous icy mountain passes of the high Andes. Some had their buildings burned down and even lost their lives as martyrs. They risked everything for the purpose of reaching people with the good news of Jesus' soon return.

Have you every done battle for the Lord? Have you ever staked out a place, a city or a country and fought for it, willing to risk everything in order to reach it for Christ? Conquering is not easy and is always accompanied by birth pains. But if you keep going forward, always trusting the Lord and never give up, you will receive that for which you have prayed and worked.

*"I asked the angel why there was no more faith and power in Israel. He said, "Ye let go of the arm of the Lord too soon. Press your petitions to the throne, and hold on by strong faith. The promises are sure. Believe ye receive the things ye ask for, and ye shall have them." EW 73*

Four years ago, we set out to conquer Lima, as a megacity of nearly ten million people. Our goal was to acquire a TV station license capable of broadcasting across the entire city. Even with all the good work done by the church in Peru, there are more unreached people in Lima today than when I worked there in the Union office 22 years ago. When battling for souls it is a battle of life or death affecting millions.

*"There are three watchwords in the Christian life, which must be heeded if we would not have Satan steal a march upon us; namely, Watch, Pray, Work." 2T 283.*

#### WE GOT THE LICENSE (after 4 years)

Our primary challenge was a legal one requiring a ruling. The first case was ruled in our favor. Through God's great mercy, the following two appeals were also won, with judges ruling in favor of the issuance of the license. You can imagine what a wonderful surprise I received last week to hear that the license has been issued and we could

begin broadcasting immediately. We even have a tower next to the other large TV stations from which we can broadcast. Everything is in place now, except for one thing. The large 40 KW transmitter and antennas must be purchased.

Currently we are putting together the order to purchase a water-cooled Harris TV transmitter. The costs for purchasing such a large transmitter plus transportation, import duty and installation are estimated at over \$800,000. Our Heavenly Father will not open the Red Sea half way and then drown his people in the middle. If He provides the license, then He will have also made provision for financing its operation. He has a thousand ways to provide for our needs of which we know nothing.

In response to supporters that have asked to be kept informed, we do make this need known. Yet at all times, we must advance on our knees. Will you join us?

Devise New and Unusual Plans.

*"Let every worker in the Master's vineyard, study, plan, and devise methods, to reach the people where they are. We must do something out of the common course of things. We must arrest the attention. We must be deadly in earnest. We are on the very verge of times of trouble and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of." Ev 122*

## Firstlight Broadcasting Network

Firstlight Broadcasting Network (FBN) – New Zealand Nationwide TV

Firstlight, our newest sister network is scheduled to begin broadcasting national-wide in New Zealand at 6pm on September 17. The open TV signal will cover nearly 90% of the population on Channel 26. This is a very exciting and historic event as it will place these vitally important messages into the homes of the average Kiwi for the first time. Though God has providentially provided funds to cover the long-term broadcasting costs, we urgently need media equipment and funding for production and other maintenance costs. Please hold up the committed FBN team members in your prayers. Contact Nikky for further info: [leftand@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:leftand@slingshot.co.nz). Our webpage: [www.firstlight.org.nz](http://www.firstlight.org.nz).

As we accelerate into the final events of world's history, stay loyal to our Chief Shepherd and the mission he gave us to prepare the world with the three angels' messages. *"Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God."* William Carey

From the front lines,

*Uncle David*

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## Familia Feliz

The mission of Familia Feliz is to reach out to the most vulnerable, abused and neglected population of Bolivia, the children, and offer them the safety, security, and warmth of a happy home that will allow them to recover from the trauma in their life and reach their full potential. Many children have passed through these doors, and they continue to come.

I think of Max, one of my first children who came to me our first year here at Familia Feliz. Orphaned by his father at the age of 7, life was not at all happy with his stepfather, who ended up dropping him off to get rid of him. At 15, life seemed bleak to him, and he had no interest in studying. His main goal was to get a job and become independent, separating himself from the pain of his childhood. I remember asking him what he wanted to do when he finished high school and even more the incredulous look he gave me as he exclaimed, "Who said I was going to finish High School?" Max did go on to finish high school at our sister school in Guayaramerin, and then I had the joy of working side by side with him this last year as he spent a year volunteering here at Familia Feliz. Now he is in the United States, accompanying my grandpa after the death of my grandma, learning English, and preparing to study at Weimar, trusting in God to provide the finances. He wants to take the one year medical missionary course, to prepare him to work with his people here in Bolivia, sharing the gospel that opened up an incredible hope and joy for him.

Days can be long and hectic. Finances can seem to be a nightmare as we try to stretch the donations over the month to cover all the expenses involved in caring for and educating 70 children and teenagers. Staff problems can cause stress, and blockades can make getting supplies difficult. But amidst all of the hustle and bustle, we know that these are God's children, this is His project, and He will make it a success. We solicit your prayers as we fight for these children, for they are most worthy to be fought for, because they are CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY KING!! That is why Familia Feliz exists. We invite you to join us in the challenge!

## Bolivia Industrial School (UETIRG)



Maria's mother is Ese Ejja, an indigenous tribe of the northern Bolivian jungles. Her father, she tells me, is also native, but hails from a different tribe in Peru. Her grandparents still live there and she has never met them. Maria was one

of our first students to come from the interior. Her acceptance letter had to be dropped from the mission plane and the villagers thought they were being bombed! Since then that little village Maria came to see me because her health class is scheduled to give the morning worship talks this week, and her turn will be on Sabbath at the 11 o'clock service and she is quite nervous. The topic that she has been assigned is on demon

possession. We start conversing about cases of demon possession that are mentioned in the Scriptures. What does it look like? She remembers the most dramatic example, the two demoniacs who went naked and lived in the cemetery, and could not be restrained even with chains and terrorized all who passed by (Matt 8:28-34).

"Teacher, how does someone come to be possessed like that?" she asks me. "It has to do with our choices." I reply. "When we don't choose to surrender our lives to Christ, the default is that Satan starts to take control. God in his mercy to us limits how much Satan can do, but if we keep ignoring God's spirit we move closer toward demon possession. There are all different levels of demon possession. You don't have to act like the demoniac in Matthew 8 to be controlled by Satan. He has many distinguished, intelligent, cultured people who are just as well quite possessed. Whenever we continuously follow our own thoughts and desires we invite possession because one of the principle tenets of the devil's philosophy is "do as thou wilt. He has so infused humanity with his character that most of us come to think his thoughts as our own."



"My dad had a real anger problem. He used to get mad at us and do terrible things. When the baby would cry too much he used to dunk it in hot water. I was lucky because when I was little I wasn't a crybaby. But I was afraid of my dad. One time he almost killed my sister. He had the knife in his hand. He could get angry so quickly. In an instant he would become another person. I remember escaping to hide in the jungle with my sister one time because I knew that he was going to be angry. We stayed in the jungle a long time. I guess that's why I never called my dad papa. I just always called him by his first name. After that my Grandpa Antonor called Dad the 'assassin'". Grandpa was always more like my real dad. He is affectionate. But I could never understand why my father was like that when he is a school teacher. My mom was going to leave him, because besides being violent, he had other women on the side. "She was going to leave? What happened?" "My father has changed. He doesn't treat us bad like he used to. My mom is still with him. They were married when they were 15 years old." I wonder how much of the change is a result of the change he has seen in his daughter.

"I never told you this story. I never told anyone this story before." She seems pleased to finally have it off her chest. "I told teacher Lyli one story, but it was about my uncle." So she's been working up to this. I realize. This is her third year with us here.

Sadly, Maria's stories are typical of probably at least 90% of our students. I'd like to pass it off as cultural, a local, national problem, but I know that is not the case. This problem is universal. We seem to live in a daily-increasing demon-possessed world. The family has failed. Schools have failed. We have failed. All we can do is ask for a miracle and agree to cooperate with the Master Teacher. He can fix anything, including me.

**Exciting Bible Distribution in Bolivia** ... Article by Becky Gates coming up next issue.

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