



I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU AS ORPHANS ... *JESUS*

Dear CERT Family,

My heart aches for the countless orphans and broken children I have seen all over the world. **BUT ... thanks be to God for you!** With your prayers and financial support and Jesus as our source ... *we have touched and healed many in His name.*

It is estimated there are between 143 million and 210 million orphans worldwide (recent UNICEF report.) The UNICEF orphan numbers DON'T include abandonment (millions of children) as well as sold and/or trafficked children.

Jesus aches for the least of these too, for He said **"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."** Matthew 19:14



CERT President, Dr. Ken Daugherty pictured with Machiguenga children in Peru's most remote Amazon Jungle, Manu Park.

James 1:27 tell us specifically how precious orphans are to The Father, **"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..."**. Every one of our partnerships, worldwide, places children, especially orphans as a high priority. To name a few in:

- **Afghanistan** ... young girls are learning to read and write in CERT supported literacy centers.
- **Peru Andes** ... 200 Peruvian children attend a Christian school, the only one in the region.
- **Peru Jungle / Andes** ... we partner and help support El Arca Children's Home (more on this below).
- **Kenya** ... serve and help support two orphanages (Tumaini and Huruma Children's Homes).
- **Kenya** ... partner and help support Cindi's Hope; loving, feeding & schooling "the throwaways".
- **Romania** ... help feed and educate the poorest children, Roma Gypsies.
- **Peru Jungle** ... Cert Pastor, Tomas and wife Norma pour their lives into Boca Manu children.

These are just a few of our partnerships that pour the highest calling ... into children. But please allow me to tell you a couple of specifics, so that you may know your support unto CERT, goes straight through the heart of Jesus ... into His children ... that He loves so much.

Inocencio (Ino), CERT staff member, and his wife Bertha have been our national partners in Peru's Andes Mountains for seven years. You may recall the numerous stories we have shared about them, Christian love in action. *As the CERT team leader this past July, I witnessed AMAZING LOVE in Inocencio again ... the love of a Father.*

Five years ago, Bertha and Ino encouraged a pregnant 15 year old not to abort her baby. When the baby boy was born, they adopted him and named him Josue. Josue is all boy ... and you fathers know how much you love your boys ... so does Ino. Ino pulled me aside one afternoon and wept as he shared his heartache.

Sadly, the children at school had been taunting Josue ... telling him that Ino and Bertha were not his parents. ***Not only was it difficult on Josue ... but even more so on Inocencio, seeing and hearing the pain and confusion it brought on His adopted treasure from God ...***

... Ino's next words revealed the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ when He said ... OVER PLEASE

**AMAZING LOVE, HOW CAN IT BE?
THAT YOU MY KING WOULD DIE FOR ME ?**

“If we have to move so Josue will not be hurt anymore, I will.” That “whatever it takes” love Ino spoke in that moment and lives out daily is so symbolic of the love of our Abba Father, who sent his Son to die for all. (Ino & Josue pictured right)



Bud (papa) and his wife, Laura Lenz moved to Peru over 15 years ago to start house churches. **Having nine biological children “along the way”, the Lord later revealed their true calling; being momma and papa to abandoned, orphaned and abused children, giving them a second chance to grow up in an atmosphere filled with unconditional love, compassion and acceptance – a refuge, called El Arca Children’s Home.** (Bud pictured with one of his boys right)

One of the most impressionable things about El Arca Children's Home is its name. I'll never forget Papa telling me why they call it "a children's home" as opposed to an orphanage. It really hit home with me too. *Because every time someone calls it an orphanage, I too am quick to let them know it is “a home”, with a momma and papa, brothers and sisters full and overflowing with love, not an orphanage. **FOR THE CHILDREN ARE NO LONGER ORPHANS!***



Like Father like son ... Bud and Joseph

I asked Bud if he could put into words what it means to him to “be papa” to children who were once orphans. Here is what papa wrote:

“When we first started taking children in it was mainly in response to a desperate need. As time went on, God showed us that what the children need most, is a family, more specifically, a father. To be the Papa of so many needy children is more than an honor. To be the Papa of so many needy children is a major and fearful responsibility. But it is also the greatest joy and honor imaginable.”

This world is a broken mess ... there are oceans of orphans / children “out there” who need to know and feel the love of “a father” ... more importantly they need to know and feel the love of Abba Father.

Abba Father ... I ask that you help our CERT family to see and know that more than 99 cents of every dollar they give toward this appeal ... will provide Your love to children who need it most. In Jesus name, Amen !

Thank you for sending your best gift today.

Always praising God for you,

Bruce

I will not leave you as orphans;

I will come to you. John 14:18



Bruce Rainwater
CERT Staff

PS ... CERT President Ken Daugherty had knee replacement surgery, about two months ago. Please continue to pray for his recovery. Unfortunately, one of his hearing aids disappeared as they were prepping him for surgery, and hospitals take no responsibility for personal loss. If you would like to give toward its costly replacement, \$3200 dollars, we all would be most grateful. Thank you

