



PARTNERING FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND RENEWAL – TRANSFORMING LIVES



YOUR IMPACT

Woven Together

What is PEER Servants’ “secret sauce”? What is it that leads to such lasting, transformative impact among the materially poor? In short, valuing each other. We step into the presence of the materially poor looking to receive as much if not more than we can give. We approach our work from more of a relational than a transactional perspective. We may be able to offer more in the economic realm, but they have so much to offer us in the social and spiritual realms. We are woven together. This was particularly evident in our November 2022 trip to Peru.

A Lasting Partnership

PEER Servants has been blessed to partner with Kallarisunchis (“to begin” in Quechua) for 20+ years. In those years, God has used Kallarisunchis to extend more of His kingdom to the indigenous peoples of the Peruvian Andes. What started with a microfinance program now extends to programs in education, youth empowerment, vocational training, and eldercare.

Empowering Weavers

The Quechua people are some of the best weavers in the world. We were so blessed on this trip to join a monthly microfinance group meeting of weavers (pictured above). As they met, they not only repaid their loans, but they sang worship songs to God, listened to His words, and prayed to Him for much-needed rain. They showed us how they do their weaving and we were astounded by the talent, creativity, and many hours of hard work that go into each piece. We were humbled to be among such great artists! Because of the close relationship that the Kallarisunchis staff had developed with these

weavers, they were willing to join us on a short mountain trek to see ancient Inca writings. It was a day where we could be a blessing to each other. Woven together.

The World’s Best Library

On one of the other days of this recent trip to Peru, we visited a primary school. Kallarisunchis has helped the school with a greenhouse, teaching children how to make marketable crafts, and training the teachers, but the most notable blessing was a new school library! It was the simplest of structures – three age-segregated outdoor cubicles under a common thatched roof with the books in sleeves hanging over wooden rods. The children swarmed the wooden benches and nestled comfortably to enjoy one of the books. They treasured the opportunity to read, opening their minds a bit further to the life adventures that lie ahead as they looked out at the vast Andean range. If there is a better library in the world, we have not yet seen it!

Advocating for Seniors

Eldercare is a growing concern in Peru. Families are under tremendous pressure, and the elderly can be pushed out of the home to fend for themselves. Kallarisunchis is there to walk with them. On this trip, we had the privilege of meeting with three seniors who lead a program supported by Kallarisunchis that is advocating for hundreds of the elderly in Cusco. They are making certain that their last years are ones where they are fed, lodged, and safe. These seniors are so wise, so loving, so encouraging and have so much to offer us. What a privilege to be woven together with them.

Celebrating 30 Years of Partnership!

How we thank God for 30+ amazing years of extending more of the kingdom of heaven to earth! Through your prayers and financial support, God is at work enabling tens of thousands of the materially poor and non-poor to experience economic, social, and spiritual transformation. Thank you!

If you would like to send a tax-deductible donation to PEER Servants, you can direct 100% of your gift to any of our Global Partner Funds. See the back side of the newsletter for contact info. Thank you for your generosity. **God bless you!**

Todd G. Engelsen
President

Special Project Grants



CCT, PEER Servants’ Filipino partner, operates two schools for tribal children. One is very remote. CCT would like to get a mini-bus to transport staff to the school and the tribal villagers to the town in medical emergencies. The cost is \$20,000. Interested in donating? Please go to peerservants.org/offering by December 15.

WHAT TRANSFORMATION LOOKS LIKE

**Africa's Bright Future**

They are future doctors, IT consultants, teachers, scientists, and much more! These are just a few of the 40+ PEER Teens Scholars – promising servant leaders from four countries in Africa who are now pursuing university education because a Sponsor can provide \$2,000 for up to four years. Interested in sponsorship? Contact us!

**Born Again in the Philippines**

Eddy used to drink, fight, and abuse his wife. Neighbors were scared of him. He started taking micro-loans from CCT, PEER Servants' Filipino partner. God's words changed his life. Now he not only has a successful rolling cart business and a restored family, but he is a leader in his neighborhood hosting a fellowship/discipleship group with 50+ members.

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS



That's Mary DeSimone in Peru's Sacred Valley. Mary is a teacher and now operates her own education consulting business. As a PEER Servants volunteer, she has provided training to teachers in Peru, Guatemala, and the Philippines. PEER Servants needs volunteers who are passionate about the role education plays in extending the kingdom. Come join us!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Jervie, Gift, and Evariste (pictured left to right) are the first three servant leaders to be welcomed into PEER Servants' Emerging Leaders Initiative (ELI). Each comes from challenging circumstances and has turned his life around through the care of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today they are making their kingdom dreams come true!

Three Amazing Emerging Leaders

Within the PEER family are many high-potential servant leaders who have dreams of how to extend the kingdom of heaven to earth. Earlier this year, PEER Servants started the Emerging Leaders Initiative (ELI) to mentor and empower some of these servant leaders. We have started humbly with three ELI Ambassadors. Come meet them.

From the Streets to Teen Leader

Jervie (pictured left) and his family were scavenging to survive on the streets of Manila, Philippines. God led CCT, PEER Servants' Filipino partner, to them with a feeding program. As CCT walked with this family, they saw Jervie's huge potential. Jervie entered CCT's residential program that provided access to quality education and discipleship. Years later, he graduated from university with a Bachelors in Business Administration! Today he works for CCT.

During those years, Jervie got involved with and eventually led PEER Teens Philippines. He was such a gifted leader that he was invited to become an ELI Ambassador. His kingdom dream is to create job opportunities for youth so they don't have to survive on the streets. Jervie was part of the PEER team to Peru to better understand the PEER Teens Peru Youth Entrepreneur Program and assess what may be applicable from it to the Filipino context. He is a few steps closer to realizing his kingdom dream.

From Drugs to CEO

Gift (pictured center) took a bad turn after his father's sudden death. Soon drugs and other vices were taking over his life. Gift accidentally joined meetings that would form what is today PEER Teens. Jesus' vision for the kingdom of heaven on earth inspired him. He became the PEER Teens Uganda President, one of the first PEER Teens

Scholars, and started discipling other young people. He was hired by CAFECC, PEER Servants' first Ugandan partner.

Gift's passion for the kingdom to come continued to grow. When asked what his kingdom dream was, Gift responded – to expand PEER Teens Uganda so that it can transform the lives of more Ugandans, 50% of whom are age 16 or younger. Gift formed PAD (PEERs in Action for Development) and is now the CEO of an organization God is going to use powerfully to bless the people of Uganda. Gift's kingdom dream is already coming true.

From Refugee to Kingdom Builder

Evariste (pictured right) lost his father amidst the genocide that plagued Burundi. His mother fled with him and his siblings to Tanzania, only to pass away herself shortly thereafter. Only six years old, Evariste was left to fend for himself. He would eventually return to Burundi to find distant family, but they, too, rejected him. God used these huge challenges to shape Evariste into one who never gives up. Committed to getting an education, he would farm for many months to save enough money to pay school fees and stay in school for as long as his meager savings could last.

Evariste found his family in PEER Teens Burundi and eventually in PEER Servants. He is such a gifted leader that he was accepted as an ELI Ambassador. His kingdom dream? To reach the orphans and street kids like him and to introduce them to God's vision for their lives through high-quality education, safe and secure housing, and discipleship. Evariste is mapping out his next steps to pursue this.

There are many more prospective ELI Ambassadors within the Global PEER family. Your donation to our ELI Fund could turn their kingdom dreams into reality. Thank you!