

## Peru Campaign, July 7-10, 2009

I arrived in Lima in the AM of the 5th of July to complete plans for our 4 day clinic. 25 of our group would arrive the day of the clinic after 4 days at Cusco. Sergio Moreno would arrive from Nicaragua and Sandra Tubito O.D. and her son Alex from Ireland, so the whole group got together at Severo's school on the 7th of July.

While Bob Barr O.D. , clinic leader assigned rooms and job assignments, we mulled over what impact the local transportation strike would have on our clinic. The first day, we were able to see about 200 patients and the news of the strike impacted our numbers all week. We were able to walk to the school from our rooms at Happy Hostel and there was a selection of eating places within blocks of our hotel.

Our group was comprised of 3 optometrists, 1 ophthalmologist, 9 students from SUNY and the lay people were split between adults and our "utes". They were everywhere , helping with every step of the way. They did visual acuity, transported patients , translated, answered questions, timed dilations and even ran the autorefractor. They could teach the older group a few things about operating a joy stick.

We saw 480 patients on July 7th and 8th at Vosh SOS Eurohispanol in the Magdalena Del Mar section of Lima and referred 50 for surgery. At the Clinic Divino Nino Jesus we saw 708 patients on the 9th and 10th in the San Juan de Miraflores and referred 59 for surgery.

The group consisted of Bob Barr O. D. Clinic leader, Robin La Valley O.D., Sandra Tubito O.D. and James Bolling M.D. Forth year students from SUNY: Dina Solanky, Saurin Patel, Susan Elizondo, Peter Lan, Rosheer Patel, Mark Lay, Nadine Furtado and Anny Chen.

The adults were: Lisa Bolling, Amy Bolling, Sarah Bolling, Tanya Lehmann, Luke Galloway, Jennifer Coleman, Catherine Coleman, Dana Weston, Sergio Moreno and Max Bruss, Mission Leader.

The youths were: Joseph Bolling, Alex Tubito, Trey LaValley, Taylor LaValley, Timothy Parrish, Victoria Coleman and Michelle Lyman.

Friday night we enjoyed an excellent meal courtesy Of our Friend, Maria Julia Asmat. Saturday we toured the city of Lima and visited the Cathedral and the Catacombs, the Gold Museum, Museum of the Inquisition and watched Jennifer caper in the fountains at the Magical Water Tour. The bus and the tour was provided by the Ladies of the Lions .

We were assisted by the staff and students of the Eurohispanol, the staff and optometrists of the Clinic Divino Nino Jesus, the Lion Ladies and Dimetrio and

his son Diago. Lunches, water, coffee, snacks and fruit was provided each day of the clinic and Yris at Happy Hostel made us right at home.