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Hi Mike,

"Before the colors fade. . . ." **Thank You** a million times for the invitation to be a part of the Quechua Benefit medical mission to the Colca valley these past couple of weeks.

The entire experience surpassed the wildest measure of my expectations. I am still trying to think of just one reason to not participate again, but as of yet I can think of none, so if you want me, I will be ready to go on the next mission trip.

I describe my feelings, observations and impressions as 100 percent positive. The attention to the smallest of details, the passion and participation of your board members, your Peru staff and volunteers, your inclusive attitude as a faith-based mission, the reception in the communities where we worked, the patience of the villagers as they waited to be seen by the medical folk, getting acquainted first hand with Casa Chapi in the construction stage of its facilities, seeing the meals ladled out in the churchyard at Yanque, the entertainment provided by school children one evening, working with medical professionals who treated every patient with compassion, and the opportunity to "connect" with so many wonderful Peruvians combined to make it an unforgettable chunk of life. I would be remiss if I said nothing about the beauty of the mountains, the river, the valley, the alpacas and the condors. From my perspective, there was nothing of a sacrifice involved, but rather a grand privilege and honor to be there and work alongside the others.

You can expect a check from Jane and me very soon to fulfill the pledge for partial payment of one of the "bunkhouses" and for another month of the feeding program at the Yanque churchyard.

Sincerely and with warmest regards,

