

# The Tabernacle & the Tent Peg



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## News from the Whitmores

*"For what we preach is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."*

**A Sweet morsel from God's Word**— Many people shy away from reading the Old Testament; too dry, too boring, can't understand what it means. To that I would say a resounding, **NOT SO!** Recently I was reading in the book of Exodus about the description and instructions God provided for building the tabernacle; what was in essence a portable place of worship. I imagine that most people skip over this part of the Exodus story. After all, it's hard to top the burning bush, plagues in Egypt, and crossing the Red Sea. Let me say that to do so is to miss out on some of the most encouraging imagery in the Bible.

God describes in great detail the parts of the tabernacle, what each part is to be made from, what the assembled tabernacle is to look like and also the elaborate raiment the priests are to wear. As I looked at the lists of the parts of the tabernacle and garments, you see words like "pure gold", "silver", "fine twined linen", "skillfully worked", "finest spices", "glory", "beauty", "sapphire", "diamond" and "finely wrought" in referring to these parts. When assembled, the tabernacle would provide a place for God's glory to reside with this fledgling nation. Then I saw it; near the end of the list, without embellishment... tent pegs. The humble tent peg— its sole purpose was to be driven into the ground and be pulled on by the tent cords. There it was, the lowly tent peg listed among the noble parts— the ark, the mercy seat, the veil, the alter, the jewels, etc.



**So, what is the take-away?** Simply this— in God's work, everything is important. Without the tent pegs, the tabernacle would not have stood, rendering the role of the priests, even in all their magnificent raiment, useless.

Then what is the application you say? In the cause of Christ, have you ever felt like a tent peg... pounded into the ground, out of sight, and constantly pulled on? **Rejoice**, your service to our Lord is vital! For a New Testament echo of this Old Testament principle look at I Corinthians 12:12-26.

## A Gathering of Servants

**D**o your best to present yourselves to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15  
Fifty-five World Reach Latin American team members and guests will be gathering at our La Roca campus in Jose Galvez, Peru from May 15–23, 2018 for a time of encouragement, sharpening, and vision casting. Pray that much spiritual fruit will be born out of this gathering all over Latin America.



*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 NIV*

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## An African Facelift

**F**ace lift for our campus in Meru, Kenya. Years of kids, Bible Institute classes, termites and weather have taken a toll on our facilities. Thanks to funds from last years World Reach Benefit Golf Tournament, our Meru campus, which houses our orphanage and Bible Institute, is receiving some much needed repairs and improvements. We still have additional work to do, but are much better off than we were a few short months ago. If you would like to help fund additional repairs, just let me know.



## Coming Attraction

**F**ifth Kenya Bible Institute class to start in September. We are well into our second decade of training pastors in Kenya. Thanks to the generosity of a donor, we will be able to begin our fifth Bible Institute in Kenya. In September, approximately 25 pastors and aspiring pastors will begin a three year journey, meeting five to six times a year. Pray that the equipping of these saints will result in existing churches being strengthened, new churches being planted, lives changed and that God's name and character would be magnified.



Thanks for helping make this possible!