



# The Mission Society

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***“For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.”  
Psalm 96:4 (New International Version)***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We praise the Lord God for all He is doing in our lives and in the ministry here in Peru, for filling us with His Holy Spirit to guide and direct each of our steps, and for pouring out His grace upon us through His precious Son, Jesus Christ. We hope and pray that He has been blessing you wonderfully during this past month and that your life has been filled with His glorious riches and mercy.

In April the pace of the work accelerated for us. Pastor Beto, Karen, Arthur, and Mary Alice enjoyed conducting two leadership workshops; one of them was in La Merced, and the other in Satipo. The workshop in La Merced went fairly well, however, about half of the people had been in this workshop last year, too. Pastor Valentino Varo, who hosted the workshop, was encouraged to continue with the discipleship groups that they had begun last year. Sometimes it seems as though people need to participate more than once in order to understand the ideas and concepts, since they are so different than the traditional forms that they have grown accustomed to.



La Merced participants (left to right): Hector, Karen, Beto, Mary Alice, Kelly, Valentino, Ernesto, Jorge, Victor, Gregorio.

The workshop in Satipo went very well, and we were so happy that an Ashaninka couple, Bernabé and his wife Olga, were able to attend this workshop. Bernabé is one of the Ashaninkas from Boca Anapati that Jorge has been training to be a discipleship group leader. Also, another man that Jorge is training as a leader, David Goya, attended from Puerto Anapati, as well as two of the missionaries that work with Jorge, Luis Ayala and Andrés Cachique. The workshop meant a lot to Andrés. One man, who was a non-believer and the husband of one of our participants, showed up two times to attend the group meeting. Please pray that God will continue to encourage the participants in La Merced and Satipo to become discipleship leaders and that God will continue to change their lives.



Satipo participants (left to right front): Andres, Luis, Maria  
(back) Jaime, David, Mary Alice, Beto, Karen, Karen, Carlos, Olga, Bernabé

It is very interesting how differently the men and the women respond to the sexual purity conversation that we have in these workshops. The men seem to be much more open to change than the women, and are much more repentant. Unfortunately the women like to gossip a lot and complain about their husbands, instead of looking for ways to improve their marriage. Please pray that Mary Alice and Karen will have God's wisdom to improve the sexual purity conversation with the ladies.

After conducting these two leadership workshops, Pastor Beto, Karen, and Mary Alice came back to Huancayo, and Arthur went to the farm in the jungle. Luis Lermo, is the manager of the farm now, and he is doing a good job. After going to San Martín de Pangoa, Arthur traveled with Luis, Jorge, Grimaldo, and Juan Chari, the chief of the Ashaninka in Tenkaveni across the river from the farm. Jorge is a new worker, and Grimaldo is one of our neighbors next to the farm.

They were able to drive his truck for seven hours (70 kilometers), and when the team got to Libertad de Anapati, they had to walk 17 kilometers to the farm. It was very difficult, but God was good, because they made it. Arthur took surveying measurements of several areas of the farm, and saw the progress that had been made with the cacao. We praise God, because Arthur was able to finish the work and return to Huancayo three days earlier than he expected. If Luis and he had waited one more day to start coming back, they could not have come back so quickly,

because it rained very hard the next day after they left. Please pray for the road to be maintained and improved soon.



Working to get the truck through (left to right): Juan, Jorge, Luis, and Grimaldo

The farm is located in an area where there has been much conflict and oppression in the recent past, both by the Shining Path terrorists and the government. The Ashaninka were especially affected and as a general rule are full of bitterness, hatred, and violence. Adjacent to the farm is one of the last strongholds of the terrorists in this area. They have found at least three mass graves there with over 150 dead. This has contributed to one of our continuing problems we are facing to find workers who will be faithful to complete their contracts, and possibly become long term with us. Please pray for Christ to move in this region and to bring spiritual and emotional healing to the region. Pray that Luis can find responsible workers for the farm who will be faithful, and that these workers will come to know Christ, and that in the future, would become ambassadors for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Pray, also, that the farm would become a source of income to support much of the work in Peru.



Luis Lermo, the farm manager, in the house at the farm.

Ivan Cruz, who is a young man who lives with Mary Alice and Arthur, has begun a Kid's Club in Huancan, which is a small town about 15 minutes from Huancayo. Most of the teachers are students who attend the Universidad Continental like Ivan. They will be conducting the Club every other Sunday, because they have so much work to do in the university. Please pray that many children will attend this Club, and that the Holy Spirit will guide the teachers as they teach, so that many children will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

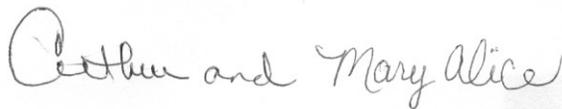
Thank you so much for your prayers for our daughter, Mary Beth. God is good because He has provided her with a good full time job taking care of two year olds at a childcare center in Roswell. Oscar, her husband, will reduce his schedule to part-time to take care of the children. Please pray that God will continue to provide all of their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs, and that He will be the center of their marriage. Also, please pray that they will be good parents to Dominic and Royce, our precious grandsons.

Please be in prayer for each one of our workers and for each one of the ministries and projects, the discipleship ministry, the evangelism and church planting ministry, the prayer ministry, and the work to self-sustain these ministries. Please continue to pray for financial support for the ministries both from Peruvian sources and U.S. sources. Please continue to be in prayer for the continued growth in the ministries here in Peru. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to awaken and change hearts among the people of Peru.

Please give praise to the Lord for bringing us additional persons called to be part of the missionary team in Peru. Covenant with us to continue in prayer for the young adult leadership team. Please pray for the leaders of the churches in Peru, and for their spiritual protection and growth in the Lord Jesus. Also be in prayer for Ash and Audra McEuen, Martin and Tracy Reeves, Louise Reimer, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, Paul and Kelly Wiegert, Bryan and Jessica Monda, and their families. All are missionaries with the Mission Society that currently working in Peru. Please pray for our safety as we travel, and that we will boldly speak God's Word wherever we go.

We pray that Jesus will continue to give you hope to live each day for Him, and we also pray that God is drawing you closer and closer to Him every day. God bless you. We love you.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur and Mary Alice". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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P.S. Due to the devaluation of the dollar and the growth of the ministry, we are in need of additional funding to maintain the ministry here in Peru. We are currently in need of an

additional \$2000.00 per month. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link that will give you different options for giving:

<http://themissionsociety.org/connect/connectmissionaries/people/ivey>,

or you may send a check made payable to “The Mission Society” to the address below with a reference on the memo line “Ivey Support 0254”

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