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“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

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.

April was an enjoyable month for us. Pastor Beto, Arthur, and Mary Alice conducted two leadership workshops in Puerto Anapati in the jungle. The first workshop was a basic level workshop, and because fourteen of the eighteen participants were Asháninka and spoke very little Spanish, Felipe, one of our Asháninka leaders, translated for us. He did a great job! Participants came from the Asáninka communities of Yoyoto, Camatibishi, Boca Anapati, and Pajonal. Lúcio and his family, who work on the farm, and one of our national missionaries, also participated. Many of the Asháninka don't read or don't read well, so the audio Bible devices that Roswell United Methodist Church provided have been very important in the ministry. The Asháninka have really enjoyed them and asked if we could provide more. Unfortunately there is still no Old Testament in their language. Please pray for the translation of the Old Testament into the Asháninka language.

Eight of our leaders participated in the intermediate level workshop, three Asháninka couples and two national missionaries. It was a special blessing for us to have the wives of the Asháninka leaders participate with them. The Asháninka women don't talk much in public, but really use what they receive in the workshops when they are among groups of just women in their communities. Please be in prayer for these special leaders as they take on responsibility for leading discipleship in their communities and extending the Gospel to other communities.



Basic level leadership workshop group.

The Holy Spirit really worked during both workshops. During the first workshop, the Asháninka shared with us that they didn't believe they could win their communities for Christ. Arthur helped them to believe that Jesus is all powerful, and that nothing is impossible with Him. He encouraged them to pray that all people in their community will come to know Christ and to share about Christ in faith with their neighbors.

One mother shared a wonderful testimony of how God had healed her son after he had gotten shot three times while he was hunting. He was shot in the back of the head, in his intestines, and in his heart. She continued to pray and pray, and God healed him completely. Two other ladies had problems with forgiving someone who had really hurt them deeply, but during the workshop, they were able to forgive them. Please pray that God will continue to work in a great way in the hearts of all the Ashánika, so that all can come to know Christ.

Julia, one of the participants in Arthur's discipleship group, came to know the Lord Jesus recently, and we are very thankful to God for that. She seems much happier now and much more peaceful. In addition to the group on Friday night, Mary Alice has the privilege of studying the Bible with her once a week. Please pray that Julia will continue to grow in her love for the Lord Jesus Christ.



Julia and Arthur

Arthur has been very busy getting ready for the medical campaigns for this year. The first one will be in Sungaro in June and the second one in August in Viñas. Sungaro is a place of significant spiritual darkness. During our visits we observed evidence of drug abuse, violence, open homosexual practices, and witchcraft. Nelson and Jenny, two national missionaries who live and work there, have a discipleship group. Silvio, one of our key leaders, has a farm near Sungaro and leads three discipleship groups there. We would appreciate your prayers for us and the teams as they prepare for the work in these places. Please pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will move in the hearts of the people in Sungaro and Viñas.



Sungaro

Arthur and Moises disassembled the prototype cacao dryer and packed it for transport to the farm. They plan to take it in and reassemble it on the farm and do some additional testing with it in May. Arthur finished the computer model of the final design and continues to work on the production shop drawings for the future dryers. Please pray that these works will be able to move forward in Christ's timing.

Rocio Claudio traveled to the states, and Joshua and she are making plans for their wedding, which is May 15th. Please pray that they both will be able to find jobs quickly. Rocio has to wait until after the wedding to change her immigration status so she can work. Joshua has had a number of job interviews, but it seems the companies want people to start immediately and are unwilling to wait until he graduates on May 14th. Please pray that the Lord Jesus will watch over them, and help them to find the jobs he has for them.

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 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 Martin and Tracy Reeves, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, and their families. All are missionaries with the Mission Society that currently work 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,



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P.S. We praise the Lord Jesus for providing through each and every one of you. Our monthly giving level has dropped below what we need to sustain the ministry here. Please pray that we can return to the necessary level in the coming months. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

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