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**“And so encourage one another and help one another, just as you are now doing.”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

***(Today's English 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. We want to give you special thanks for your continued prayers for us and support of the ministry in Peru. We definitely see the results of your prayers for us and for the ministry here. You are special people called by our Lord Jesus Christ to minister to His children. Thank you for your faithfulness to His calling. Thank you for your love for Him, for us, and for His children.

In April, an intern from TMS Global, Eric McBride, who is a mechanical engineer, came to Huancayo to help Arthur design and complete the machine that will make plastic bottles. Arthur has worked on this project for some time, but he can't find the time to finish it, so he is very thankful that God sent Eric to help him with it. Pablo Paredes, a pastor that works with us and lives in Puerto Bermudez, has a soft drink bottling plant, and now he fills and sells his soft drinks in glass bottles, so his production is very limited. When he can fill soft drinks in plastic bottles, he will be able to increase production and profits, because he will be able to sell many more drinks. These profits will help him sustain his family and support the ministry. Please pray that God will give His wisdom to Eric and Arthur as they try to complete building the machine and the oven, and that Henry, the man that is making the parts, will complete what he needs to on time. If this machine works well, they might be able to use this project in other areas to help support the ministry.



Bottling soft drinks in the jungle.

God has called Mary Alice to begin praying with a small group of women who are wives of pastors. Many times pastors' wives don't have many close friends and are not able to share their true prayer needs in the church, so this is a time that they can share those requests and encourage each other. Please pray that God will move in the lives of all these women, so that they will become closer in their walk with Christ.

John Lindsley, Chris Mitchell and John Pearson from Roswell United Methodist Church came and helped us conduct a microenterprise seminar about how to start and run a small Christian business. There were 17 Peruvians that participated, and they seemed very interested in using what they learned. One attendee, Salomon, is a ministry leader in a small town and as he ministers his goal is to offer people more than just a word of witness and a good-bye. For example, he told us about one lady that asked him for help finding legitimate employment so she could leave the life she was living, but they could only laugh and cry together because he was also looking for a job. His goal is to open a restaurant in this small town to help provide for his own family and jobs for others. Another attendee, Jorge, shared a great witness as he was a narcotics trafficker, but quoting him "found Jesus ten years ago, and became a national missionary." Now he is a miner in a remote (six hours to nearest telephone) "wildcat" mining region to provide for himself and to better witness through fellowship with the other miners. He

has started discipleship groups in four small towns in the region. His goal is to start a business renting pneumatic mining equipment to these independent miners. The miners currently use picks and weak electric tools. With the pneumatic equipment they could mine four times the ore that they currently mine per month. Another attendee and his wife have a small souvenir shop in a tourist area. He makes most of the products himself in a town a couple hours away. Their goal is to develop an artist village helping others make and market their wares to the tourists. There were many other good stories and plans of people wanting to start small businesses such as a farm supply store, a clothing boutique, custom tailoring, and a Christian bookstore. Please pray that God will help these Peruvians to begin or improve their businesses.



Small group discussion at microenterprise workshop.

We were privileged to conduct another leadership retreat in the city of La Merced in a Community Christian Church. Pastor Genaro Puente participated in one of Arthur's first discipleship groups, and now he is leading discipleship groups with some of the members of this church as well as other groups. Several of the participants were set free from spiritual bondage and many now understand much better the importance of applying Biblical truth to our daily lives. The pastor of this church, Johnny, participated in the workshop and he and the others were very joyful and appreciative to have us come and share with them, and are interested in us doing a Kid's Club workshop in the future and also having our praise group come and do a concert. Please pray that God will use these people in a mighty way to advance His Kingdom.



Discipleship workshop participants.

Alberto and Karen Fernandez had a baby boy, Mateo, who was born in October of last year with an underdeveloped kidney. He has also been sick for the last several months. Many of us have been praying for him, and God has completely healed him, and he is growing rapidly. We praise the Lord Jesus for this healing!

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 in the Canta Valley, Palcazu, Puerto Bermudez, Shiringamazu, Villa América, Iscosazin, Huánuco, Panao, Molinos, Ambo, Acamayo, Tinahuani, Puno, San Martín de Pango, San Ramón, and Puente Paucartambo. Also, pray for the ministries in Huancayo, especially the Friday night Prayer and evangelism ministry, the Colegio El Camino and the Jesus El Maestro High School. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to awaken and change hearts among the young adults of Huancayo.

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 and their continued ministry to the spiritually lost and dying youth of Huancayo. 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 Billy and Laurie Drum, Ash and Audra McEuen, Martin and Tracy Reeves, Louise Reimer, and their families. All are missionaries with TMS Global that currently or will soon be working in Peru. Pray also for Obed and Cynthia Alvarez, the head of NEWMA, as well as their other leaders and national missionaries. 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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