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At that time the disciples came to Jesus, asking, “Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven? So Jesus called a child to come and stand in front of them, and said, “I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child.” Matthew 18:1-4 (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, we were privileged to conduct a leadership workshop in Isocsazin. It was a very good workshop, and the participants seemed to learn a lot. Since the retreat, our coordinator for this area, Luis Lermo, has indicated that the participants were significantly impacted and had spread the word to others, who were requesting that we return and hold another workshop. They want to be trained so that they can start new groups in a nearby area called Omaiz Lagarto. Unfortunately our schedule and financial resources will not permit our return until next year sometime. Please pray that God will guide Luis and the participants, so that the discipleship ministry will multiply as God wishes.



Iscosazin Workshop Participants left to right: Bernardo, Enrique, Pablo, Carmen with Luicito, Luis, Juan, Ricardo, Alberto, and Karen.

Arthur, Billy Drum, John Pearson, and Jorge Ayala made a trip to Puerto Porvenir, Micaela, Puerta Anapati and Boca Anapati, villages along the Rio Ene in the jungle to set up possible medical campaigns for 2013 and start work to extend the discipleship ministry into this area. These villages are currently only accessible by boat. They were accompanied by Abraham Campos and Rosario Puente who are discipleship coordinators for the Pangoa region. The Pangoa government provided a nurse and dentist to go with the team, and with medicine provided by the local government and Roswell United Methodist Church, they were able to do small half day medical campaigns in each village. Arthur had the chance to share the Gospel message with a small crowd in Micaela, and approximately 25 people prayed to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior. We are currently planning to return to Puerto Porvenir, Puerto Anapati, and Boca Anapati to hold medical campaigns in 2013. In the meantime Arthur, Jorge, and Rosario will be making plans to start discipleship in this area.



Three young Ashánika ladies from the Boca Anapati community.

The group was going to visit the agriculture project, but was not able to get in because the road was blocked by a landslide. The rainy season has lasted very late in the year this year with extremely heavy rains, and has delayed the work on the agriculture project. Clearing is now scheduled to begin on May 15th. Arthur also met with the road construction committee to discuss the progress of the road construction. Construction has been restarted after the weather delays, and if the Lord Jesus helps us with the weather and other issues, the road should reach the agriculture project in the next few months.

Mary Alice, with the help of Karen Garcia, Pastor Alberto's wife, conducted a Kid's Club training workshop in San Martín de Pangoa while Arthur and Alberto taught a leadership workshop. Rosario Puente, Genaro Puente's daughter, invited 2 people each from 10 different communities to come and learn how to teach children. Not many of them were teachers, but many of them want to become teachers of children in the future. They learned how to write small group and big group lessons for children, including dramas and puppet presentations. They had a fun time, and enjoyed playing several games, learning some of the choreographies, using puppets, and acting in dramas. All of them received 2 CD's of the Kid's Club lessons written by Mary Alice, and also a CD of all the songs that are used in the Kid's Club.



Mary Alice and some of the adolescents from the teacher training.
Left to right: Pilar, Diana, Estefany, Mary Alice, and Rosita

Several adolescents and children participated, and they were the most enthusiastic about learning. In the Sunday School in which Rosario teaches, the teachers are adolescents or children that are about 10 – 12 years old. God uses children in a mighty way, and for this reason, in the Bible Jesus shows us the important role that children play in the Kingdom of Heaven, and how we need to have faith like children to enter the Kingdom. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will fill these teachers as they teach God's precious children and that they won't be afraid, but will depend on God to work through them.

Our daughter, Mary Beth, was married to Oscar Matusaki on April 17th in a civil ceremony. Our grandson Dominic is growing bigger and stronger each day. Please pray with us for that the Lord Jesus would be the center of their marriage and family.



Mary Beth's Wedding

Left to right: Arthur, Mary Alice, Mary Beth, Oscar, and Maria Luisa, Oscar's mother.

Mary Alice has had a pinched nerve in her back since the end of March. Praise God because it is getting better, but it still needs to heal completely. Please pray that God will heal her as fast as possible, so that she can continue with all her normal activities, like running and doing choreographies.

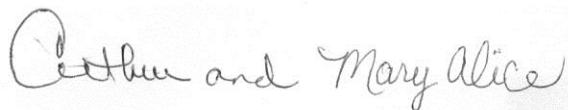
In addition to the other activities, we had a great one day retreat with our missionary team members, Laurie and Billy Drum, and Ash and Audra McEuen. We enjoyed getting to know each other better and sharing about what God is doing in the ministries in which we are involved. We also benefited greatly from sharing our ideas about how we deal with stress and encouraging each other in this manner.

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 Billy and Laurie Drum, Ash and Audra McEuen, Martin and Tracy Reeves, Louise Reimer, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, Paul and Kelly Wiegert, and their families. All are missionaries with TMS Global that currently or will soon be 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".

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Missionaries to Peru

P.S. We are in need of additional funding to maintain the ministry here in Peru. 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:

<https://tms-global.org/give>

For giving Missionary support please use the “Give to Worker, Partner of Project” form and specify the 4 digit code 0254 or the name, “Arthur Ivey”.

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