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## "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3 (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 that the Lord Jesus has been blessing you wonderfully during this past month, and that your life has been filled with His glorious riches and mercy. We are so thankful to God for you.

The Lord Jesus has blessed us with a discipleship mentor for the farm region. Jacson Perez Ramos made four visits this month to the Pachacutec community to visit people and to invite them to study the Bible with him. Beto is working closely with Jacson to help him grow as he helps others. We hope that in May the first small Bible study group will begin with people from the farm and from the community meeting together to learn about the Lord Jesus. Please pray for Jacson and the success of this ministry.



Jacson

Sheti, Bernabe's daughter, is very interested in growing in Christ. Because of this Beto purchased a phone for her to be able to use to participate in a virtual group that Beto has on Monday nights. The village that she lives in, Boca Anapati, is deep in the jungle, but despite its location it has a very good cell reception, so she had no problem participating. Her brother, Jeiner, and Bernabe, also listened in. Soon Beto will take her a set of the discipleship books that we use to help equip mentors, so that she can learn even more about the Lord Jesus Christ.



Sheti

Jeiner and Bernabe receiving the phone.

Jesus continues to change Peruvians' lives. Fanny came to know the Lord Jesus Christ through a workshop in Antonella's house in Huancavelica. Antonella has been leading two discipleship groups with youth for a long time. At first, Fanny had a lot of questions to ask during the workshop, but she thought the questions wouldn't be important to anyone else. While she was listening during their time together, her feelings began to change, and her fear of being with the group disappeared. She also felt that no one would judge her if she shared her problems with them.



Fanny

As she participated in the workshop, her questions were answered, and after sharing her story with others, she began to hear God's voice talking to her in her heart. That same night she prayed to the Lord Jesus to receive Him in her heart. She never imagined that she would come to know Jesus studying the gospel of John. It was such a good experience studying the Bible with others, that she wanted to continue learning even more. She now participates in a virtual study group each week and is a stronger person who trusts God. Even though she has had some problems, sickness, and difficulties for a good while, God has been her best companion.

Beto made his monthly visit to the farm and took his son, Mateo, Eder Vergaray, an agricultural engineer who grew up in one of Mary Alice's Kid's Clubs, and Ivan Cruz. They investigated a problem with some of the coffee plants that weren't producing fruit. Apparently, the extended season of dry hot weather has affected approximately three hectors of plants. This phenomenon affected most of Peru's coffee growing region. They made the decision to spray and fertilize the plants that are showing a lack of fruits or are slow to mature.

Rodrigo, Beto's seventeen-year-old son, had surgery this month on his nose in Huancayo. He had been getting a lot of sinus infections recently, and he couldn't hear well in one of his ears, so when he went to the doctor, they found out that about one year ago, Rodrigo had fractured his nose, even though he didn't even realize it. As a result of that, Rodrigo kept getting these infections. We are thankful to God because the surgery went well, and Rodrigo is recovering well. Please pray that God will heal him quickly from this surgery.

## **Prayer Requests and Praises for May**

1. Praise the Lord that Peru has become more peaceful without the protestors blocking the roads. Please pray for the area along the Bolivian border where problems still persist.

2. Please pray that the Lord Jesus would continue to call persons to work with Beto in the ministry. As the number of groups grows, we need more dedicated mentors to lead them.

3. Dan Ross is a dear friend to us who has led many medical campaigns to Peru for years. His sweet wife, Becky, has serious health problems. Continue to pray that God will heal her completely.

4. Don Jester from Halltown will be leading a medical mission to Peru in late September. Please pray that God will call more medical persons to participate in this mission.

5. There have been more cases of dengue and malaria in the jungle in the area around the farm, so please pray that God will protect all the farm workers there from getting these diseases. Also, please pray for Lucio, the ex-farm superintendent, who now lives in northern Peru, to be healed of dengue.

6. Praise Jesus that our daughter-in-law, Rocio, Joshua's wife, received her US citizenship. This brings them closer to being able to come to Peru as full-time missionaries. Please pray that she will receive her U.S. passport soon, because Joshua, Rocio, Stephen, and Noah are scheduled to

visit Peru this summer. Praise God that Joshua, Stephen, and Noah have already received their passports.

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 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 Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, and their family. They are missionaries with TMS Global 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 during the year. As you may be aware, we are responsible for raising not only our own support, but the funds necessary to support the entire ministry here in Peru. We were working on raising funds for the Peru portion of the ministry for 2023 which is \$69,000. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have received 39.2% of this need. Any financial help you could give us, either as a one-time gift or monthly support, would be appreciated. Monthly gifts of \$50.00, \$100.00, or more are very helpful. Really, no amount is too small. Please pray that we can raise the necessary level, so we don't have to reduce the ministries in the future. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

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