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“She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger – there was no room for them to stay in the inn.” Luke 2:7 (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.

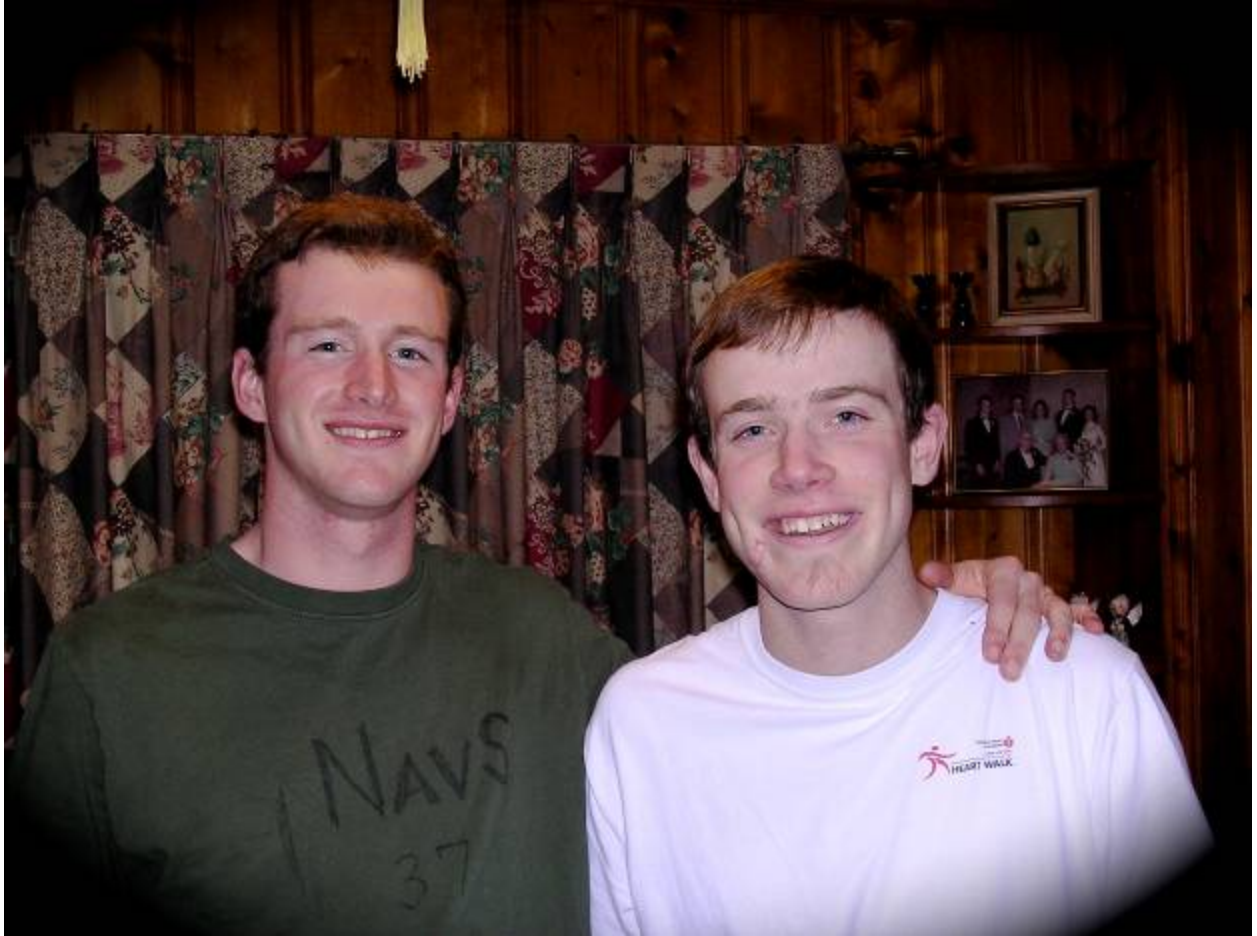
We hope that each one of you had a very Merry Christmas, and will have a very Happy New Year! We praise God for all that He has done in Peru this year! One of our blessings was that Ivan Cruz had the vision for and coordinated a special Christmas program that included all of the Kid’s Clubs in Huancayo. It was held in the municipal auditorium downtown. The praise group played many songs, while the teachers of the Clubs and the children did the choreographies. Also, the teachers of each Club performed something special- a special song, drama, or puppet presentation. Ivan gave an invitation and prayer for those who wanted to accept Jesus. It was a fun time together, and there were many children and adults that came that were not part of the Clubs. Please

continue to pray that God will use the teachers in the Clubs, so that more children can develop an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and that God will call more workers so that we can open more Clubs.



Kid's club leaders and praise band at children's Christmas event. (Ivan is on the far right playing the guitar)

This was a hard Christmas for our family because it was the first Christmas that we were not all together. Joshua and Benjamin spent Christmas with Arthur's mom and brother in East Point, Georgia, while Mary Alice, Arthur, and Mary Beth spent Christmas together in Peru. Joshua is doing OK, and is still trying to adjust to living in the states. He misses his friends from Peru a lot, and we miss him, too. In January, he will begin taking a class at Atlanta Christian College, and in August, he will begin his classes at Toccoa Falls College in North Georgia. Benjamin is doing OK, but sometimes it is still a little difficult for him living in the U.S. culture, also. He is doing well at Georgia Tech, and he still has a 4.0 grade point average. Please continue to pray that God will meet the needs of Joshua and Benjamin, and that they can live in God's will for their lives, whatever that might be.



Benjamin and Joshua on Christmas.

Edwin, our team leader in Iscosazin, visited us and gave us the good news that they have opened four new discipleship works further into the jungle. The existing groups still appear to be doing well and growing in the Lord Jesus. We hope to move further in next year by having a medical campaign in a town called Mayro, approximately 3 hours further into the jungle and down river from Iscosazin. Please be in prayer for this work and for Edwin and Hayde, who are our leaders there. They are also expecting their first child to be born in January.



Town Square in Mayro.

Pastor Alberto held another training session for the discipleship leaders in Huancayo this month. Each leader always needs encouragement and motivation so that he will continue to grow in Christ, and Pastor Alberto does a great job doing that. On the 2nd of January, we will also be starting a school to further train persons interested in being involved more in missions with additional basic skills that would be of help to them in their ministries. The school will meet one Saturday each month in Huancayo, with preparation and study done by each student during the month in their place of ministry. Please pray that God will fill these leaders with His Holy Spirit, so that they can influence the people in their Discipleship Groups to start their own small groups.

Please be in prayer for our finances. With the work growing and our financial resources decreasing both due to decreased giving and the loss in value of the dollar, we are praying for the Lord Jesus to touch hearts to help us with additional financial support. If you feel led in your heart to help us financially you can do so at the following website:

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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 Es 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 the Mission Society 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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