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“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:22-23 (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.

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by; the time seems to be passing so quickly. It seems like we have just arrived in the states, but we have already been here for 2 months. We hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to what the Lord Jesus is going to do in our lives and in the lives of the people that we minister to. Each day God has something new to teach us all and a new way to use us to minister to others, and that is such a blessing.

We praise the Lord Jesus Christ because we really enjoyed the month of December. We visited with many supporters one by one, and each one took the time to listen and encourage us while we were sharing with them. Also, Arthur met with the Roswell UMC Mission Committee to share in more detail about the agricultural project that is going on in the jungle. As far as our financial support, we are really not sure how we are doing, but we have had several new people make pledges for 2013, and we are very thankful for that. Please pray that God will continue to use us to encourage others in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ as we share about His work in Peru and that people will be called to be partners with us in Peru.

We praise the Lord because the ministry in Peru is continuing to go well in our absence. Since we left Peru at the end of October, 220 more people have become involved in a discipleship group. Arthur and Pastor Alberto are working hard at coordinating the leadership workshops for 2013. The majority of the Kid's Clubs are still meeting each week with the Peruvian leaders. Please pray that God will continue to fill the Peruvian leaders with the Holy Spirit as they minister to others.

On Christmas Day, we spent time with Arthur's family at Claudia and Johnny's house, his sister and brother-in-law. Arthur's mom and brother were there, as well as Claudia and Johnny's girls, Rachel and Jenny. We had a delicious meal and really enjoyed spending time together. This is the first time in 12 years that Arthur and I have been in the states on Christmas.



Ivey Family Christmas from matriarch, Mildred, to great grandson, Dominic.

During the last week of December and the first week of January, we took a small vacation from our work. We had a great time spending time with all of our family during these weeks. We really enjoyed going to the Georgia Aquarium together with them. Dominic, our grandson, was fascinated with all of the sea animals that God made.

In addition, our children and we had the blessing of going to Fort Myers, Florida from December 27th to January 3rd. Rocio Claudio, Joshua's girlfriend, got a job through an exchange

program in her university in Peru, and she is working at a McDonald's in Fort Myers from the middle of December until the last part of March. Part of the reason we went was so that Joshua and she could see each other, because they haven't seen each other for a year. Our family drove to Fort Myers and camped at a campground, and we had a great time of fellowship. We cooked a lot of the meals that we had, and we enjoyed hiking a short trail on the beach and going swimming in the pool. Several nights we watched movies on the computer. The weather was pretty good, but the ocean water was kind of cold to go swimming. This was the first time that our family has been together for a week in years, and it will probably be the last time for a while. Our precious children are all adults now.



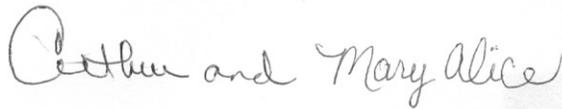
Vacation time with Joshua's girlfriend, Rocio (left), and Mary Beth's husband, Oscar (right center).

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 the Mission Society 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". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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P.S. Due to the devaluation of the dollar and the growth of the ministry, we are in need of additional funding to maintain the ministry here in Peru. We are currently in need of an additional \$4000.00 per month. 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:

<http://themissionsociety.org/connect/connectmissionaries/people/ivey>,

or you may send a check made payable to "The Mission Society" to the address below with a reference on the memo line "Ivey Support 0254"

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