



# The Mission Society

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*“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.”*

**Psalm 55:22 (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 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.

During the first three weeks of December, Mary Alice and Arthur conducted their normal activities, such as the prayer meeting on Thursday nights, the open Bible study on Friday nights, and the choreography practice on Saturdays. Also, Pastor Alberto and Arthur planned next year's activities. There will be ten leadership workshops, three medical campaigns in the jungle in Yoyato, Puerto Porvenir, and Puerto Anapati, a microenterprise workshop, and a True Identity workshop for our key leaders.

Next year we will be preparing seven of our key leaders to take more responsibility for the training of other leaders. We believe they are capable of doing this. The big problem is convincing them that they are capable. If they will take the responsibility, we can double if not triple the number of leadership workshops we do each year. This year Alberto, Karen, Arthur, and Mary Alice trained 107 leaders in 8 workshops. We are excited to see what God is going to do in people's lives in 2015. Please pray that God will be glorified in everything that happens during the next year.

Moisés and Arthur have been working on the prototype for the solar dryer, and they have finished the tower section. Arthur is testing the dryer to see how it works on sunny days, cloudy days, and rainy days to see if it is necessary to add solar collectors to the back section. It is designed to have collectors, but they want to be sure before making the investment in the

additional materials. If the dryer works well, they will build 23 more over a period of the next two to four years to use on the farm to dry the chocolate beans. A hard working short term team could probably build one of these in a week in Huancayo. It would then be taken apart, shipped to the jungle, and reassembled on the farm with only hand tools. Thank you for your prayers for this project, and please continue praying that the dryers will work well on the farm in the jungle.



Tower section of the solar cacao dryer.

The last week and a half in December, we have been taking a vacation, and it will continue the first week in January. Because we travel so much during the year, we decided to stay at home and rest there during this time. So far, we have enjoyed being alone together, spending time with God and reading our Bibles, eating out a little, watching movies, and working a puzzle. Because we have so much stress during the year, we are enjoying relaxing and sleeping a little later, too. Arthur got an MRI on his left knee that has been hurting for some time, and when his doctor gets back from vacation, we will find out what has to be done for this knee. The MRI indicates that he has lost a large part of the cartilage in it.

We did have a nice Christmas together, but we did miss our children and grandchildren. We were happy that they were able to spend some time together at Christmas and during the holidays. We enjoyed talking with them on Skype at Christmas.



Joshua, Mary Beth, and Benjamin



Oscar, Mary Beth, Royce, Dominic, and Guchi

The Peruvians celebrate Christmas a little differently than Americans. On Christmas Eve, most families make a big meal and eat it at 12:00 a.m. Many people set off small firecrackers at this time too. Also, after the meal, the Peruvians, who can afford gifts, open them. On

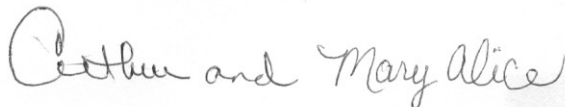
Christmas Day, they sleep late and just spend time together as a family. Panetón (a sweet bread) and hot chocolate are always part of the celebration too.

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 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 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 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. We reached the monthly giving level that we need right now to sustain the ministry here. Please pray that we can maintain this level through the coming months. 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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