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“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (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.

We hope that everyone had a joyful Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have enjoyed being with Mary Beth, Oscar, Dominic, Royce, Joshua, and Rocio, Joshua's fiancé, this month. It is really fun being able to play with our grandsons and get to know them better. We were able to celebrate Dominic and Royce's birthday with them, as well as Christmas.



Mary Alice, Oscar, Mary Beth, Joshua, Rocio, Royce, Dominic, and Arthur

During the first two weeks of December, we reduced our ministry activities in order to rest and spend more time on our spiritual lives. We used this time for listening to the Lord Jesus and planning for the future of the ministry. We continued with the Thursday prayer group and the Friday night discipleship group. After one of our discipleship meetings a young lady that recently started attending, Helen, wanted to talk with Mary Alice and Arthur. After a brief conversation she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. We are so content that the Lord Jesus Christ is a part of her life now, and that she is continuing to come to the group.

During this time we also sought the Lord Jesus for the ministry for 2016 in prayer and conversation with Alberto, Ricardo, and Jorge. As a result, we are trusting the Lord Jesus for two medical campaigns, two intermediate leadership training events, ten basic leadership training events, and one advanced leadership training event. We have also scheduled three more visioning events with a number of our key leaders to project for the long term future of the ministry and to strongly encourage leaders to take their responsibilities in the future of the ministry. Please continue to pray with us for God's power, strength, and wisdom to complete this plan.

One of the exciting things that we are praying for in 2016 is a leadership training event that has been planned with the Shipivo-Conivo people in Pucallpa. Josué Ramirez of our national missionary team in the VRAEM is from this people group. Josué, his wife, Vani, and his two sons have been working with our team for over a year now. They have also been sharing with family and friends in Pucallpa about the ministry. Some of Josué's family members and friends have been working deep in the jungle near the border with Brazil with this same people group. They now want to use the discipleship ministry in their work there. This is an area where only indigenous peoples are allowed to enter. Please be in prayer for the success of this new ministry.



Josué Ramirez

Ivan Cruz, a Peruvian young man who has lived with us and been discipled by us for about seven years, moved out of our house at the end of December. The last five years he has been

studying Mining Engineering at the Universidad Continental. He has one year left to finish his studies. Ivan will continue to be a part of the discipleship ministry and will maintain close contact with us. We will miss him, but Luis Ayala, who is Jorge Ayala's son, will now be living with us and studying Accounting at the Universidad Continental. Please pray that God will help Ivan with the transition of living in another place and that God will continue to guide Ivan and Luis with their studies.



Ivan with his girlfriend, Cecilia

The farm continues to progress well. The final grafting of the last 7000 cacao plants and the transplanting of the coffee plants from the green house to the field were started in December. Ricardo traveled to La Merced, Satipo, and Pangoa to investigate potential buyers for the cacao and develop relationships with them. He also looked into various options for transporting the crop to the markets and the potential for adding value to the product to increase its sale price. The prototype cacao dryer was completed, and Arthur has been working on the final design documents for the dryers that will be built for the farm. Please pray for the continued success of this project to self-sustain the ministry here in Peru.

Thank you so much for your prayers for our dog, Angel. The medicine that she is taking is helping her a lot, and she is barely limping now. Praise God!

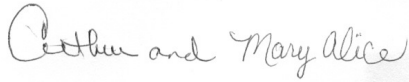
Please be in prayer for each one of our workers and for each one of the ministries and projects, the discipleship ministry, the evangelism and church planting ministry, the prayer ministry, and the work to self-sustain these ministries.

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 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:

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