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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(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 you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, 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 started December with a gathering of a number of our key leaders. The gathering was one in a series we started approximately two years ago to encourage them to take more responsibility for the work and ministry and to prepare for transition of leadership. This is part of a five year plan that Pastor Alberto and Arthur have set in motion to try to create independence of the ministry from North American workers and financial support. The farm project that we have written about in past newsletters is part of this process. The result of this last meeting is that two of our key leaders are going to lead five leadership workshops with Pastor Beto in our absence. We hope that as the ministry gains independence from us that we will be free to develop other ministry initiatives that we have wanted to start, but have been unable to due to lack of time and other resources.

In addition to our routine ministry activities, we spent the first two weeks of the month preparing for our homeland ministry time in the States. It has been four years since we spent an extended time in the states, visiting and sharing with supporters. We are excited about this time. Paul returned to his home church to report on the work that Jesus was doing, and we will be doing the same from January through March 2017.

Arthur also spent this time working with Moisés to finish building the first production model of the cocoa dryer for the farm. This process provided a final check on the production drawings and allowed them to develop a few tools and techniques to make production faster. It also allowed Arthur to teach Moisés a few tricks and make sure he completely understood the plans. Moisés will continue construction of three additional dryer units in our absence.



Moisés and Arthur working on the Cocoa dryer.

We arrived in the States on December 16th, and have enjoyed spending time with our family. We especially enjoyed spending Christmas day with Benjamin, Joshua and Rocio, Mary Beth and Oscar, Dominic and Royce (our grandsons), as well as Arthur's mother and brother. It has been a long time since we all have been together at Christmas.



Mary Alice with our daughter's family
Left to right: Mary Beth, Royce, Oscar, Mary Alice and Dominic.

We are thankful to God because He continues to provide for our children. Joshua and Rocio have found an apartment that they like and have moved into it. Joshua has been working at Tip Top Poultry and Rocio recently got her residence card and a job at Chick-fil-A. Joshua continues to look for employment in his field of teaching and cross cultural ministries. Mary Beth got a certificate as a nursing assistant and is looking for a job in that area, and Oscar is currently looking for new employment, as well. We would appreciate it if you would pray that God will provide the correct jobs for them as quickly as possible, and that God will continue to be with them and lead them in everything that they do.



Our son, Joshua, and his wife, Rocio.

As we mentioned above, January through March we will be meeting with many of our supporters individually and with small groups to share about what God is doing in Peru and to encourage others in Christ. We are looking forward to this time, and we are thankful to God for all our supporters who pray for us, come on teams to Peru, and support us with their giving. Please pray that God will use us, so that people can accept Christ and be encouraged in some way in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and that more people can become involved in the ministry in Peru with us.

We would appreciate your prayers for Pastor Beto, Pedro Duran, and Alejandra Aquino. They will be doing five leadership workshops in places near Huancayo while we are in the U.S.A. Please also pray for Jorge Ayala as he directs the ministry in the jungle area and manages the farm project. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will move in a great way in each participant's heart and that each one of them will grow in their relationship with Jesus.

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, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, 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 during the year. Because of the continued growth of the ministry, we still need to raise approximately \$4800.00 more in monthly giving to sustain the ministry here. Please pray that we can raise the necessary level in the coming months. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

<https://themissionsociety.org/give>

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