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“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.”
1 Corinthians 16:13 (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 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 hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas filled with the love of Jesus, and that you will have a Happy New Year, too. Each day we have is a gift from God, and as you all know, it is such a blessing to truly have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We are so thankful that God has called us to Peru to share with others his wonderful, unconditional love, and that each of you is a special part of that.

We spent Christmas together, and had a nice simple lunch with cheesecake for dessert. We will not be meeting with the discipleship group for two weeks, so that everyone can spend time with their family for the holidays. Our house has been very quiet and peaceful. It has been nice to have some extra time with Jesus.

We spent a lot of time going to the doctor or going to Arthur’s physical therapy for 20 days. His traumatology doctor recommended that he also see an endocrinologist to help him with his health, and the endocrinologist told Arthur to take several more medicines, especially to improve his circulation to his feet. He did indicate that Arthur’s overall health is good and that Arthur was taking care of himself. Also, he recommended that Arthur see a hematologist. After the first of the year, he will be going to see that doctor.

Thank you so much for your prayers for Arthur. He has begun to walk on his foot that was operated on little by little, either using one crutch or a cane. Right now, he is really restless because, the doctors don't want him to walk on his foot too much, so he has to sit a lot.

Recently Mary Alice has lost some weight, and she was diagnosed with hyperthyroidism, so she has begun to take medicine for that. Praise the Lord because the medicine does make her feel much better. Please pray that God will heal her too.

During our first visit to the endocrinologist, his nurse, Marta, recognized Arthur's name and asked if he was a missionary. It turns out that she had been involved in discipleship in La Merced and later in Chilca. She had not met us before, but knew that Jesus had used us to make the discipleship possible.

Moisés Garcia, with Arthur's supervision, has been building four additional cacao dryers for the farm project. Our house seems like a factory most of the year, but the house is laid out appropriately to use it like that. This house has been a gift from God to us; we like it better than our other house, even though it is smaller.



Moises working on the dryer construction.

While Arthur has been chair bound, he has worked on the design for the water system to develop a spring to provide clean water for the farm project. He is a little frustrated as he has to depend on others to hunt for specific materials, and sometimes they don't understand what he is looking for. In spite of that, they have found all but one on the items he wants to use. Once he finds that particular item, he can finish the design, prepare the materials list, and prepare a budget for the project. If we can raise sufficient funds for this project, we hope to install it this summer.

Arthur has also started the design for a permanent farm house, which includes housing, warehouse space, and workshop space. This structure will be made of concrete on the lower level and wood on the upper floor. Since the road has been improved to the farm and can be maintained during the rainy season, it is now possible to transport materials more easily and with

less cost, making this project much more feasible. This also means that we now have the ability to invite teams to help with construction.

Arthur and Ricardo prepared all the drawings and documents to apply for a patent on the cacao dryer. The application was submitted and received for review by the patent office here in Peru. We understand that this process can take up to four years. Their acceptance of the application is very positive in that it gives us protection until they either award the patent or deny it. If they award the patent, it will be good for a total of ten years which includes the four year review period.

Recently, Nancy and two of her friends, Maribel, and María have been coming to meet with Mary Alice, because they teach kids in their church and want to learn more about teaching them about Jesus. Please pray that God will give Mary Alice wisdom to teach them as God wants her to, and that each child they teach will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our grandsons are really growing up fast. Dominic celebrated his 6th birthday on December 5th, and Royce celebrated his 4th birthday on December 14th. We miss them a lot, but we are blessed, because usually we get to see them once a year.



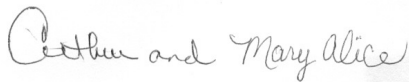
Dominic (left) and Royce (right)

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, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, and their families. All are missionaries with TMS Global 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 and recent shortfalls in giving, we still need to raise approximately \$30,000 more than our regular giving for 2018 to sustain the ministry here. Thanks to many of you we have raised most of this need. Please pray that our regular giving remains at its current level or even increases. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

<https://tms-global.org/give>

For giving Missionary support please use the "Give to Missionary" form and specify the 4 digit code 0254 or our name, "Ivey".

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