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“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6 (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 are so thankful to God for you!

We hope that you all had a very nice Christmas and a Happy New Year! It is always so wonderful to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has saved us from our sin. We are back in the states for a special time of sabbatical and home leave. This will be longer than our normal times, as we will be participating in some activities to help us try to discern the future direction for the ministry in Peru and our role in it. We will also be trying to deal with health issues, mainly Arthur's, and spending a little more time with family, especially Arthur's mother, Mildred, who is 96 years old. We will continue to be involved in our activities for Peru while we are here in the states and are blessed that the ministry has reached the point that they can function normally without us being present.

We arrived in the states on the morning of December 26th, and on December 28th we had a great time with our children and grandchildren, when we celebrated a time with family. Our son, Joshua, and his family will be leaving for their final missionary training on January 12th. When they return from their training in mid-February, they will be leaving for Peru as full-time missionaries. We have two medical missions scheduled this summer in Peru: one will be in Jauja in August, and the other one will be in September, but the place hasn't been confirmed yet. We will be going back to Peru in July 2024, to help Beto with these campaigns and to keep our residence documents up to date.

God continues to change Peruvians' lives. Beto met a young man, Miguel, in a leadership workshop in Huancavelica in 2022. He remembers that Miguel came one morning, sat in the

corner, didn't say a word, and didn't even look at anyone. He was surprised when he came the next day; it seemed that he was listening to everything. Later on, Beto was really happy to hear that Miguel is participating in Antonella's discipleship group every Friday night.

In August 2023, Beto saw Miguel again, and for him, it was obvious that he was a new Miguel. He wasn't afraid to get close to others; he participated in the conversations, and even told Beto that he really wanted to be baptized. Therefore, in December, Beto had the privilege of baptizing him and Ruth, Edith Romero's daughter, in a hot spring in Huancavelica.



Miguel, Ruth, and Beto.

Also, while Beto was in Huancavelica, he had the opportunity to visit Maria, who lives close to the city of Huancavelica in the mountains. She opens the doors of her house each Monday for a discipleship group. She is having a hard time now, because her daughter, Diana, is in intensive care with cancer in the hospital in Concepcion, which is near Huancayo. Beto seems to encourage a lot of people when he meets with them.



Maria

The virtual discipleship groups and the in-person discipleship groups continued to meet in December, and there were about 472 participants. Each group is different, but all the participants are growing closer to Jesus. Beto is currently working on materials for the study of Revelations to use with the group that meets on Friday nights. Miguel (not the one that was baptized) has opened his house for another group in Huancavelica.



Group that is meeting in Miguel's home. Left to right: Doris, Yolanda, Miguel, Edith, Efrain, Alberto, Josué, Raúl y Ruth.

On the farm this month, we had some severe weather that had high winds and significant rain. The rain caused some flooding of the stream that traverses the farm and swept away two of our coffee dryers. The high winds caused damage to three of our cacao dryers. We will have to do repairs during January. We also lost some coffee plants to some small landslides caused by the heavy rain and flooding. Jorge's father, Lucio, is going to come to the farm and help with these issues. The farm team finished fertilizing the cacao and had a small harvest.

Because of the heavy rains, the farm team was unable to finish planting the new banana plants on the recently cleared area. We hope to finish that process in January, as well. We were able to continue to sell the leaves from the old plants, which brought in 400 soles.

Prayer Requests and Praises for January

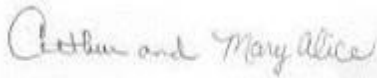
1. We would appreciate it if you would pray for healing for our friends, Gwen Grant, whose cancer in her brain has returned, and Chris Leiner, whose pancreatic cancer has returned. Also please pray for Jeanne Motley, who is struggling with leukemia and John Pearson who is battling lymphoma.
2. Around the farm area, there has been an increase in violence from narcotics traffickers, so please pray for protection for the farm team, Beto, and those who travel with Beto to the farm. Pray also for the people who live and work in the area. During the flood in December, two coffee dryers were washed away, and some of the cacao dryers were damaged. Please pray that Jorge will be able to repair everything quickly, and that there will be good weather, and that the harvests this year would be an abundance that only God can give.
3. Please pray that the Lord Jesus would continue to call persons to work with Beto in the ministry. As the number of groups grow, we need more dedicated mentors to lead them. Also, pray that God would provide him a right-hand man, who can support him spiritually and with the ministry.

4. There have been more cases of dengue and malaria in the jungle in the area around the farm, so please pray that God will protect all the farm workers there from getting these diseases.

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 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 Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, and their family, who 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. As you may be aware, we are responsible for raising not only our own support, but the funds necessary to support the entire ministry here in Peru. We were working on raising funds for the Peru portion of the ministry for 2023 which is \$69,000. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have received 86.6% of this need. Any financial help you could give us, either as a one-time gift or monthly support, would be appreciated. Monthly gifts of \$50.00, \$100.00, or more are very helpful. Really, no amount is too small. Please pray that we can raise the necessary level, so we don't have to reduce the ministries in the future. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

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