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"On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Mark 2:17 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 having sent 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 want to give you a special thanks for your continued prayers for us and support of the ministry in Peru. We definitely see the results of your prayers for us and for the ministry here. You are special people called by our Lord Jesus Christ to minister to His children. Thank you for your faithfulness to His calling. Thank you for your love for Him, for us, and for His children.

Thanks to your prayers God has continued to pour out His blessings and grace upon us. The Lord Jesus has continued to increase the number of people participating with us in the ministry and has been deepening each person's experience of the Holy Spirit and their relationship with Him. We have 35 people in our discipleship groups that are studying hard to become mentors for new believers. They are excited and energized by the truth that they are receiving and many are expressing a new found freedom in their relationship with the Lord Jesus. Several have started discipling others already and we know that we have at least 50 others being discipled by those that are learning from us.

The Friday night prayer and worship gathering is continuing to grow, also. Each week new people are coming to participate with us. We are experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit, and are seeing people drawn into deeper and deeper relationships with the Lord Jesus. Please be in prayer with us for great victories and continued spiritual growth among those involved with us. Pray that the Lord Jesus would make them bold and give them courage to stand firm for His kingdom.

A good friend and brother in Christ, David Thompson, came to help us with teaching in the mission school. David was to teach Theology. He taught the first half day and received a call at lunch time that his father-in-law was bleeding from a brain aneurism. We were able to get David back to the states by the next morning. Everyone has been praying for Herb Blackburn, and to date he is still alive but in critical condition. Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ, Herb, and for his family during this trying time.



Arthur, Joshua, and the missionary class.

As a result of David's un-scheduled early departure, Arthur and Joshua had to fill in for a day with David's class until a substitute professor could arrive from Lima. Arthur had a wonderful time sharing about basic Christianity and discipleship, while Joshua provided prayer support. Many of the students received the material with open hearts and indicated that many of the ideas were new and helpful to them.



Persons waiting for a medical consultation in the Dalton medical campaign in Tarapoto.

Arthur and Benjamin traveled to Tarapoto to assist a medical team from Dalton First United Methodist Church with a weeklong medical campaign. The team was lead by Jim Davis and Doug Cabe and 16 other doctors, nurses, and assistants. The team treated over 1800 persons, including some surgeries to restore sight and to heal women with severe medical problems. The Lord Jesus was present, and in our spiritual counseling area several other people were healed by the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus restored the vision of four people and healed two people with abdominal tumors. In addition, He set many free from oppression. The greatest joy was to know that the Lord sent this group to bring 503 persons to faith in Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the support of this group and the Dalton First United Methodist Church. Please be in prayer for them and for the continued follow-up and discipleship of the new believers in Tarapoto.



Benjamin assisting Dr. Lee McDaniel and Seth Miller with eye surgery.

Mary Alice will be teaching English to children in the Colegio El Camino during the next school year. She will be teaching kindergarten through seventh grade. She has been busy preparing lesson plans for the next school year. Since the Colegio El Camino is a Christian school, this will also give her a chance to interact not only with the children and influence them for the Lord Jesus Christ, but also with their parents.

Please continue to be in prayer for the continued growth in the ministries here in Peru, especially in the Canta Valley, Huancayo, Palcazu, Bermudez, and Sharingamazu. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to awaken and change hearts among the young adults of Huancayo. Please also pray that we can find 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 and their continued ministry to the spiritually lost and dying youth of Huancayo. 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 Obed Alvarez, the head of Mision-AMEN, as well as their other leaders and missionaries. Please pray for our safety as we travel, and that we will boldly speak God's Word wherever we go.

We 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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