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***“I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God’s people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ’s love. Yes, may you come to know his love-although it can never be fully known- and so be completely filled with the very nature of God.” Ephesians 3:17b-19 Today’s English 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 want to give you 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.

Genaro Puente Ayala is a pastor that has worked with us for a long time. Several months ago he was asked by the Methodist Church to pastor their church in San Ramon. He agreed to take the position as long as he could continue to work with Arthur and use the discipleship ministry with the church in San Ramon. They agreed, and as a result, the people in the church are growing spiritually, and the numbers of the people that attend the church are increasing. The church now has a higher attendance than any other Methodist Church in the district. Pastor Genaro is also pastoring a smaller church in Puente Paucartambo using the discipleship methods and this church is growing significantly. In addition to the two churches he has started two other discipleship groups in the area. Genaro has begun three new Kid’s Clubs out of the church in San Ramon, also. We praise God that these brothers and sisters are growing in Christ. Please pray that God will continue to bless the work of Pastor Genaro, and that God will protect Him from any interference.



Pastor Genaro with his youngest grandchild, Julie Grace.

Pastor Alberto and the praise band, Advertencia, held a retreat for musicians at the church in San Ramon this month with the support of the church and Pastor Genaro. They shared with musicians from various churches over a three day period about Biblical praise and worship. They shared about how worship leaders need to have a very close relationship with Jesus Christ, and how praise and worship should flow from this deep relationship. Each evening they held a public concert in different parks. Pastor Genaro informed us that as a result, ten persons prayed to receive Christ, and 15 prior members of the church received healing from bitterness caused by previous problems in the church, and were reconciled to Christ and the church.



Praise group, Advertencia, in concert in San Ramon.

February 26 was a very special day for our family. We celebrated Mary Alice's 49<sup>th</sup> birthday. Arthur gave her 49 roses, one for each year of her life, which was very special to her. Some of the young people gave her a nice shirt especially designed for her, with the name and symbol of the Praise Band on the back. In addition, they prayed for her.



Mary Alice and Arthur on Mary Alice's birthday.

There has been increasing spiritual warfare in the Iscosazin area in the jungle. Several people that work with us are sick with serious problems. José Sebastian is very sick and has almost lost his ability to speak. Nora Velasco suffered a serious accident that resulted in a broken collar bone and damage to her spine which has currently paralyzed her and could be permanent, and Juan Mishari's wife has been suffering from some type of physical attacks, and the doctors have not been able to help her. Please pray that God will heal each one of these people, and that he would show His power, and that these things will not be able to obstruct any of God's work in this area.

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 continue to pray for financial support for the ministries both from Peruvian sources and U.S. sources. Please continue to be in prayer for the continued growth in the ministries in the Canta Valley, Palcazu, Puerto Bermudez, Shiringamazu, Villa América, Iscosazin, Huánuco, Panao, Molinos, Ambo, Acamayo, Tinahuani, Puno, San Martín de Pango, San Ramón, and Puente Paucartambo. Also, pray for the ministries in Huancayo, especially the Friday night Prayer and evangelism ministry, the Colegio El Camino and the Jesus Es El Maestro High School. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to awaken and change hearts among the young adults of Huancayo.

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 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 Billy and Laurie Drum, Ash and Audra McEuen, Martin and Tracy Reeves, Louise Reimer, and their families. All are missionaries with TMS Global that currently or will soon be working in Peru. Pray also for Obed and Cynthia Alvarez, the head of NEWMA, as well as their other leaders and national missionaries. 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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Joshua, Benjamin, Mary Beth

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