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"Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge."

Proverbs 14:26 (The 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!

Diego is Elvira's only son. She contacted Beto during the pandemic to study in a discipleship group online. During the study, she shared the difficulties that she was having with her relationship with Diego. He was very rebellious, and she discovered that he was taking drugs.

Elvira and her family always went to a Catholic church for a long time, but because of Diego's situation, she felt led to look for another way to find Jesus Christ. Studying the Bible in the discipleship group impacted not only her life, but the lives of many people in her family. They all decided to trust in Jesus for everything, but especially for Diego.

Diego came one night to participate in a discipleship group that met in person with Beto. He listened attentively and even asked a question. The next day Diego spent some more time with Beto and asked more questions. With time, he began to get closer to his mother again; their relationship improved, and Diego decided to go with his father to Europe to study and work.

While Diego lived in Spain, his father didn't help him much, and as a result, Diego started taking drugs again and became very depressed. Elvira became depressed too, because Diego stopped communicating with her. Beto and Elvira arranged to talk with Diego in an online meeting to heal the relationship with his mother, and Diego shared with her many things that he hadn't expressed before. Elvira stopped being so rude to Diego and listened attentively to her son. At the end of the meeting, they all prayed, asking the Lord for His help in restoring their relationship by his grace. Please continue to pray that Diego will come to the know Jesus as His Lord and Savior and that he will be completely free from taking drugs. It is always a comfort to

know as parents that if we love the Lord Jesus, eventually, there is a good possibility that our children will love Him too one day.



Diego

Beto, Darwin, Arthur, and Ruben, who are the officers in the Fraternidad Misionera, met to discuss and approve financial issues and plans for this year. Beto began meeting in the Rodriguez house again to reinitiate the prayer group on Saturdays. Besides that, he visited Agapito and Magdalena in Quilcas, to decide if the facilities were adequate for the medical mission planned for the end of September. The brothers and sisters that were in the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ were very excited after he decided that it would be a good place to have the medical campaign.



Church building in Quilcas

At the farm, the cacao was cleaned in preparation for the upcoming large harvest season, and there was a small harvest. It was a real blessing that the cacao price went up to eighteen soles

per kilo. The farm team still needs to repair two dryers for the cacao with new polycarbonate walls that were damaged by the storms. Arthur is waiting on the list of damaged components so that he can help Beto with the material lists and purchases.

Lucio Sr. and Jorge finished rebuilding the coffee dryers that were damaged by the flooding. They need to fumigate the plants to prevent any diseases from forming on them. In addition, they also finished the shelter that is used for the processing of the coffee. There was a general maintenance done on the vehicle used to move the products and other heavy materials around.

The farm team finished with the planting of new banana trees, and they still need to spray the plants and possibly put lime on them too.



New banana plants.

## **Prayer Requests and Praises for March**

- 1. We are sorry to hear that Gwen Grant, our dear friend who came to Peru several times, has passed away. Please pray for Gary, her husband, and the rest of her family to receive God's comfort and love during this time.
- 2. Please pray for Beto as he is in Miami visiting his children at this time. His ex-wife, Karen, continues to cause problems. Please pray for her to find a good job and that she can come to know Jesus. Also, please pray for healing of their children's hearts from the divorce. Please pray especially for their second son, Mateo, who has been very rebellious lately, and has several friends that are involved in drugs.
- 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. Please pray that God will watch over Beto and others as they travel to the farm to work there. Pray that there will be a large cacao, coffee, and banana harvest, so that there will be a lot of profit to sustain the ministry and that God will call a person or couple to disciple the farm team and the people in the Pachucutec community, which is around the farm.
- 5. Please pray for Arthur and Mary Alice's health and that they can get the medical help they need while they are in the States. Mary Alice will have hernia surgery and possibly surgery to remove her gall bladder. Arthur's knee operations are delayed until he gets his A1C down and Mary Alice recovers from her upcoming surgeries.
- 6. Joshua, Rocio, Stephen, and Noah arrived in Peru and are living in the same house we lived in. Please pray that the children will adjust well to school and to living in Peru and that God can use Joshua and Rocio in a great way to further His Kingdom.
- 7. Please pray that God will stop the spread of dengue fever, which has really spread throughout Peru.

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 2024 which is \$69,000. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have received 28% 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:

https://tms-global.org/give

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