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“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”

Colossians 1:10 – (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 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.

During January, we continued to do our normal ministries in Huancayo with our small groups, children’s teacher training, and direction of the other activities and ministries. The farm project continues to move ahead under the direction of Luis Lermo. He and his family, Carmen and Luisito, are currently living on the farm. There are now 11,000 cacao trees that have been planted on the farm. Please pray that God will protect Luis and his family both physically from malaria, dengue, and other illness, and during their travel back and forth to Pangoa, and spiritually, as they seek to continue to spread the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through discipleship in this region.



Luis in route to the farm.

We also attended the biannual missionary gathering combined with the 30th anniversary of The Mission Society in Fruitland Park, Florida for a week. Almost all of the missionaries of The Mission Society were there, and we enjoyed seeing our friends and hearing about how God is working in different parts of the world. We also had the privilege of meeting the new president of The Mission Society, Max Wilkins.

The theme of the week was bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God. We were reminded of the importance of growing closer to the Lord Jesus or we would not bear fruit. Also, we met with the missionaries that work in Latin America to share ideas of how we were doing discipleship and other ministries with adults and children. Of course Darrell Whiteman did a great job teaching us about the challenges of the global church. In addition, Steve Saint, who is the son of the missionary, Nate Saint, came to encourage us. Nate Saint was a missionary who was called to go to Ecuador to share with a specific group of Indians who were unreached, and he was killed by them. After his death, his wife forgave them and returned to share the gospel with them.

After the conference, we traveled to Marietta to spend time with Mary Beth, our daughter, and her family, Oscar, Dominic, and Royce. It has been so much fun seeing them and playing with our grandchildren. Arthur is super busy repairing many things on our house and repairing Mary Beth's car. Unfortunately the last people that rented our house really messed it up. Mary Beth and Oscar are doing well, but please pray that Mary Beth can find a job that she can do in the house, while taking care of her two young boys.

While we were in the states we received some sad news and joyful news. The sad news was that one of our close friends and companions in the work of the Kingdom, Jonny Vega passed away. He was still a very young man, only 42 years old. He was involved with us in the early stages of establishing the discipleship ministry in La Merced while he was the pastor of the Palabras de Restauración Church. Praise the Lord Jesus that Jonny is home now. Please pray that Jesus consoles his family and friends, especially his mother.



Jonny Vega

The great joy is that another worker for the Kingdom was born. Our close friend and worker in the Kingdom, Edith Romero, gave birth to a son, Gadiel Matias. He was born on January 30th. Gadiel is a very fortunate young man, as he has strong followers of Jesus Christ for his parents, Edith and Efrain. Please pray that Gadiel will grow physically strong and strong in wisdom and knowledge of God. Please pray for Edith, Efrain and his older sister Ruth, as they strive to raise him in Jesus.



Edith and Gadiel

One Sunday we had the privilege of sharing with the people of Varnell United Methodist Church. We had a wonderful time with them. The pastor, Stephen Streett, and the folks at Varnell are very mission oriented. We appreciated the opportunity to share with one of our faithful supporters.

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 Ash and Audra McEuen, Martin and Tracy Reeves, Louise Reimer, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, Paul and Kelly Wiegert, Bryan and Jessica Monda, and their families. All are missionaries with the Mission Society that currently or will soon be working 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur and Mary Alice". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

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P.S. Due to the devaluation of the dollar and the growth of the ministry, we are in need of additional funding to maintain the ministry here in Peru. We are currently in need of an additional \$1500.00 per month. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link that will give you different options for giving:

<http://themissionsociety.org/connect/connectmissionaries/people/ivey>,

or you may send a check made payable to "The Mission Society" to the address below with a reference on the memo line "Ivey Support 0254"

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