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“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2: 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 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.

January was a very enjoyable month for us. Josef Claudio, who is Rocio Claudio's 8 year old brother, wanted to talk with us about getting baptized. Arthur shared the gospel with him, and he accepted Christ. Moisés García, the man who works for us at our house and attends Arthur's discipleship group, also expressed his desire to be baptized. Arthur and Beto are working to schedule a time and a place for the baptism. We will also offer the opportunity to others that are in the discipleship group as well. Please be in prayer for Josef and Moises as they take this important step in their life and for any others that might make this decision soon.

Beto and Darwin conducted a basic leadership workshop with people who are primarily from a church in San Pedro that Darwin helps. Darwin supports the work of the church in San Pedro with weekly discipleship and a Kid's Club. The good news is that Darwin taught some of the



Leadership workshop participants

sessions during the workshop. Pastor Beto, with Arthur's support, has been working hard at training some of our highest level leaders to conduct these workshops without us, so this was a very positive step for us. Please pray that God will encourage Pedro, Darwin, Edith, Efrain, Alejandra, Jorge, Ricardo, Edmin, Maura, and Silvio to take on this responsibility, so that we can conduct twice as many workshops and try to meet the demand of those people who want to have one.

For one week in January we went to a regional gathering of 94 missionaries with The Mission Society in Costa Rica. Beth and Brian Tatum, Mission Society missionaries who serve in Costa Rica, coordinated the event for us. They partner with a group called Conexión, which ministers to Costa Ricans. We really enjoyed the worship that the Conexión praise group led, as well as the worship led by Steve Wilson. There were several opportunities in which we could have people pray for us too. Carolyn Moore, who is the pastor of the Mosaic Church, was a great preacher, who taught us from the book of Ephesians during the week about how God wants to form us and grow us up in Christ. God has given so many spiritual blessings and gifts, but we have a responsibility to use each one of those for Him. There was even time for us to rest after lunch too! We praise the Lord for this time, because it was a very refreshing week for us.



Arthur and Mary Alice recognized for 15 years of service with The Mission Society.

We also had the privilege of conducting another SOZO prayer with one young lady, and the Lord set her free, especially from her fear. Edith Romero, who works in Huancavelica leading several discipleship groups, shared with us that she has also been successfully using the SOZO prayer with several ladies and that God is helping them to be free in Him too.

Arthur and Pastor Beto held their second meeting of key leaders that is part of a five year leadership development and transition plan. Beto led the one and a half day training without Arthur being present. In the last meeting Ricardo Nattery, the lawyer that works with us, presented a very good legal presentation on spousal and child abuse, and how as followers of Christ, we can confront these issues and attempt to prevent them in the ministry. Please pray that

God will continue to give wisdom and the Holy Spirit to Beto, Ricardo Nattery, and the key leaders, so that they will produce even more fruit for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Charlie, a young man who used to come to Arthur's Friday night discipleship group, came to talk with Arthur because he had a problem. We had not seen him in a long, time and he was very distraught. Arthur shared with Charlie, and he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. We hope that he will return to the Friday night discipleship group. Please pray that God will help Charlie to resolve this problem and that he can continue to grow in Jesus.

Jorge Ayala and David Vargas went to Pucallpa in January helping Josué and Bani with the two discipleship groups that they are leading. Josué and Bani used to work in the jungle in Puerto Anapati with the national missionary team, but now God has called them to work in their hometown of Pucallpa with the Shipivo people group. Please pray that God will give them everything that they need to advance God's Kingdom among the Shipivo people, and that the whole community will accept the Lord Jesus Christ.



Bani and Josué (left) with members of one of their discipleship group.

We were blessed to hear that the leadership workshops we held in Codo de Pozuzo and Sungaro are producing fruit. Deysi is still leading a discipleship group that she started among unchurched people in Codo de Pozuzo. Atino and Irma from Sungaro are hosting a new discipleship group in their home as well. Atino and Irma lost their 11 year old daughter earlier last year, and although Atino was a believer at the time of our leadership workshop, Irma was still not ready to trust in Jesus. Since that time she has given her life to Jesus Christ as well and is growing in her faith. Please be in prayer for these new believers and leaders and the groups that meet in their homes

Jorge Ayala, Lúcio and Marita, and Jennifer and Jorge are doing a great job on the farm. Currently 8000 cacao plants have been grafted, and the remaining 200 plants should be grafted by the end of February. Approximately 4 hectares of coffee have been transplanted from the greenhouse to the field, as well. Hopefully, all the cacao plants will be in production in early 2017.

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 Martin and Tracy Reeves, Louise Reimer, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, Paul and Kelly Wiegert, and their families. All are missionaries with the Mission Society 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. We reached the monthly giving level that we need right now to sustain the ministry here. Please pray that we can maintain this level through the coming months. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

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