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“The Spirit who is in you is more powerful than the spirit in those who belong to the world.” 1 Juan 4:4 (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.

January was an eventful month for us. First of all, our whole family went to Costa Rica for a regional training event of TMS Global for the missionaries in Central and South America. We studied part of the book of Colossians, and about how if we tend to focus on religion and not on Jesus in the ministry, people will not personally know Jesus Christ, and they will play the church game. Also we learned about the importance of being careful to avoid fostering dependence on the fields in which we work, and the dangers to the ministry that dependency can cause. In addition, we were introduced to a new tool to help us evaluate and develop ourselves better for the ministry. The tool is a competency evaluation developed especially for missionaries. With this instrument, we can work on improving the competencies that we need, in order to become better missionaries. The members of the Peru team had a chance to be together for the first time. Although not everyone could attend, there were at least representatives from each family. We, especially, enjoyed time in prayer together for each country, which was a special blessing.



Peru team (left to right): Joshua Ivey, Mary Alice & Arthur Ivey, Louise Reimer (in U.S. raising support), Ash & Audra McEuen (in language school in Costa Rica), Billy & Laurie Drum, and Martin Reeves (wife Tracy not pictured)

This year we have experienced an increase in the intensity of spiritual warfare. Pastor Alberto, Karen, and their son Rodrigo, have been in a strong spiritual battle. As a result, we have formed a couple of small prayer groups that meet once a week, one on Thursday and one on Friday, to pray for the ministry, for all the leaders and missionaries that are part of the ministry, and for other prayer requests that people have. Already God has begun to answer some of the prayer requests. For example, more new people are coming to our Friday night evangelism event and to the open Bible study that is on Tuesday nights. We also conducted a prayer walk to two places close to us where people sell drugs. During this prayer walk we prayed that God would free these people from taking and selling drugs, and that they would come to know Jesus. We know that we are doing what God has called us to do, and therefore, Satan is trying to create obstacles for us, but we know that through God, we will always have the victory, because He is more powerful than Satan. Please pray with us against Satan and his principalities so that God can work freely here, and pray especially for protection for Pastor Alberto's family.

Arthur is continuing to share with the Shoeshine boys in the park on Mondays. They are learning about the importance of growing in Christ. Please pray that God will continue to work in the lives of all these boys.



Arthur with four of the Shoeshine boys.
Left to right: Arthur, Juan, Miguel, Richard, and Bryan.

We had the privilege of attending special training to help us to better practically apply Biblical principles in our efforts as missionaries. The training was directed more toward evangelizing Muslims, but is very applicable to our work here in Peru among animistic cultures. We heard wonderful testimonies from missionaries that work with Muslims about how the Lord Jesus is moving among these people groups. We are still searching for the best way to reach the Peruvian people groups, and hope that some of what we have learned with will give us more insights. Please pray that God will give us wisdom to reach them in their own culture.

. 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, Pelmaz, 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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