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***"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. "  
Ephesians 4:16 NIV***

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 a 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.

Every time we have a medical team we see the reality of the passage in Ephesians 4:16 very clearly. These teams are made up of medical professional and medical support personnel from the United States, translators from Huancayo, support workers and evangelists from the low jungle and the mountain regions, and folks from the local community. There are many rolls to fill, and Jesus calls many of his followers from many different places and church backgrounds to complete the task he has assigned. Every person has a purpose, and every person is important in God's plan. All of those called work together in harmony and love as a live demonstration of the presence of God and His love for the people of the community in which they minister. We saw this again as a team of twelve from Paintsville, Kentucky led by Dr. John Furcolow came and gave of their time and resources to help us with a medical campaign in Shiringamazu.



Team from Paintsville and some of the Peruvian team in route to Shiringamazu.

Shiringamamzu is a village of approximately 2500 people. It is in the upper Amazon jungle and is a two day trip from Lima. It has no electricity, and no running water. The team slept on the floor of the local school building and bathed in the river. The meals were prepared from what the jungle provided. We had nightly evangelism services. At the end of the week the team had treated 817 persons. Of these folks, 108 reconciled their life with Christ, 146 gave their life to Christ for the first time, and 20 were baptized. With this blessing also comes great responsibility. Work must be done over the long term to disciple and train new Christians into mature reproducing sons of God, and to establish them in a self-sustaining Christian community. This requires workers willing to stay and work over a longer time frame. We are currently very short on long term workers. Please pray for the Lord to send us workers.



Dr. John Furcolow and translator, Moises Perez, helping a mother and her daughter.

We were also blessed to have a team from Sugar Hill United Methodist church come and help us with a youth retreat. The team of ten was lead by Kathy Reinertson. We had a three day leadership development retreat with 30 of our young adults participating. The majority of the young adults gave testimony at the end of the retreat that they had never experienced love as they had during this retreat, and that they wanted to share this love with family, friends, and those around them. They all left with a greater commitment to advancing the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.



Young adults and team members that participated in the retreat.

Our discipleship groups continue to grow. We have 40 brothers and sisters who are part of the Quechua speaking community in Chilca that are in the discipleship ministry that have expressed a great interest in helping us to advance the kingdom of Jesus Christ to the south of Huancayo toward Huancavalica and Ayacucho among the traditional Quechua speaking peoples in these areas. We have an opportunity in partnership with Compassion International to evangelize and disciple 200 non-Christian families that are supported by Compassion International in this region. In order to do this each of our 40 workers will have to commit to lead two discipleship groups, and we will have the challenge of trying to provide literature for around 1000 persons. Please pray with us that the Lord will open the doors and give us a way to take on this challenge.

On July 28 the new president, Alan Garcia took office. On July 30th an historic event took place. The President attended a thanksgiving service planned and prepared by the Protestant Christian community. Obed Alvarez was one of the key people in planning and preparing this service. In the afternoon, after the service, 20 key Christian leaders went to the presidential palace and prayed with the president through- out the palace that the Lord would cleanse it and make it an instrument of His Kingdom. The previous president had dedicated the second floor of the palace to the practice of witchcraft, which he used to make decisions while governing the country during the last five years. This was a bold statement in a country where the national religion is still Catholic, and is an encouragement to us for the future of Peru. The later half of this year will begin to show us what we might expect from the new government. Please pray that God would continue to lead Peru out of the deep spiritual bondage that it has been in and into spiritual revival.

Please continue to be in prayer for the continued growth in the ministries here in Peru, especially in the Canta Valley, Huancayo, Palcazu, Pelmaz, Bermudez, Shiringamazu, Sambillo Alto, Rio Azul Ugarteche, San Augustine, KM 40 and Tinahuani. 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 Obed and Cynthia Alvarez, the head of Mision-AMEN, as well as their other leaders and missionaries. Please pray for our safety as we travel, and that we will boldly speak God's Word wherever we go.

We 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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