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**“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:11-12. (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!

It has been wonderful for Arthur and Mary Alice to be back in Peru. They have enjoyed visiting with Beto again, as well as Joshua, Rocio, Stephen, and Noah, who are living in the same house where they have lived in the past. It is interesting to see Joshua and Rocio beginning the ministry that God has called them to. Please pray that God will use them in a great way to further His Kingdom in Peru.

The gospel is continuing to spread and affect many Peruvians' lives. Ivan's life hasn't been easy because as a child he was raised by a person that had a very hard heart. Years later, he met a person who presented the Gospel to him, and for Ivan, that was very exciting, but his overwhelming problems and needs decreased his faith in a big way. His parents and brothers were all non-believers, and their lives made Ivan very uncomfortable. As a result, he made the decision to separate from his family, and he began to work in his own business. At that time, he met Miriam, and they got married. Ivan was still dissatisfied with his life, and he knew he lacked something.

As he worked in a warehouse, he met some brothers in Christ that study the Bible in a small group in La Merced. This was the beginning for Ivan to begin to come back to the Lord. God used these friends to invite Ivan and Miriam to study with them, and after hearing the Scriptures, Ivan made the decision to return to the Lord, and Miriam accepted Jesus Christ in her life. Both of them with their baby have participated in the small group and the meetings in the church since that time.



Ivan, Miriam, and their son

The discipleship groups are continuing to study in person or online. The Thursday group has finished studying the Gospel of Matthew, and in August, they will begin another study from a different book of the Bible. In July, there were 455 participants in the small groups.

Bernabe, his children, Sethi, and Janier, Carmen, and Gilberto from Boca Anapati are making a trip to several Ashaninka communities to share the gospel and to spend time with the people. When they return from the trip, they will be sharing what God has done during the trip. Discipleship is very important to them.

In July, Beto visited a small group that meets in La Merced, and he had the opportunity to talk and hear Adela's story. She has a desire to begin to serve God with a group of children that meet Saturdays in the church in La Merced, along with Sara Barrera. Also, Beto encouraged Jose, who is taking the responsibility to teach the Bible in two small groups that meet in the church Mondays and Fridays.



José and Adela

The cacao harvest has continued this month, and the price in the market has fluctuated between 25.00 soles and 25.30 soles per kilogram. The farm team sold 2678 more kilos of cacao. Because the harvest exceeded the capacity of our existing dryers, we are going to construct three additional dryers in another area of the farm. We will also add an additional fermenter to function along with these dryers.



Lucio drying cacao on the ground.

The coffee harvest has finished, and the team sold 400 kilos more of coffee, as well as 200 kilos of poor-quality beans. Because of the poor production of coffee during the last two harvests, Beto has decided not to continue with the coffee and to use the four hectares of the seven that is planted in coffee to plant cacao. In addition to the coffee harvest, Bernadino finished the clearing of undergrowth around the banana plants, and the plants are starting to produce.

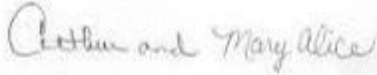
Prayer Requests and Praises for August

1. Please pray that many Peruvians will participate in the medical mission lead by a team from Stonebridge Church August 12-15 and that many people will come to know the Lord Jesus. Also, pray for good health for the team that will be coming from the states.
2. Thank you for your prayers for Mateo, Beto's son. Praise the Lord because his attitude is improving. He has changed schools and is seeing a counselor to help him with his rebellion and to help him stay free from drug use. Please continue to pray that God will free him completely and give Beto comfort.
3. Please pray that the Lord Jesus would continue to call persons to work with Beto in the ministry. As participation grows, 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. We had this person in Pedro Duran, but the Lord Jesus took him home in 2020. It has been hard to find this person for Beto even though we have been looking and praying for 3 years now. Arthur has been filling this role until now, but it is not the same.
4. Please pray for Miguel Chavez, who will be working and living on the farm, as well as discipling the farm team and other people in the area.
5. Thank you for your prayers for Arthur's brother, Joel, and his mother, Mildred. Praise the Lord that Joel is not having any major reactions to chemotherapy for his colon cancer and Mildred seems to be adjusting well to her new pacemaker.

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 are 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 67.3% 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:

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