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***“Because of this, many of Jesus’ followers turned back and would not go with him any more. So he asked the twelve disciples, “And you – would you also like to leave? Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. And now we believe and know that you are the Holy One who has come from God.”***

**John 6: 66-68 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.

In June, we really enjoyed working in a medical campaign in La Merced with a team from some members of Roswell Methodist Church as well as other people from Kentucky, Illinois, and Georgia. The people of La Merced had opportunities to have medical attention, to receive reading glasses, and to receive extractions or fillings done by a dentist. All were given a personal presentation of the gospel. The doctors attended 1315 patients, and 359 people received the Lord Jesus Christ for the first time; 28 people were reconciled to Christ, and 132 people expressed an interest in learning more about the gospel. Jesus is the only one that gives eternal life.

It was really a blessing to be able to pray with the doctors for the patients. Many women had problems with their husbands who abused them or left them, and they were very appreciative that we just listened to them and prayed for them. Many people had pneumonia, and were suspected of having tuberculosis. One young girl about 5 years old had a brain tumor, and her mom didn’t have enough money to pay for surgery. In spite of all these problems, we are so thankful that we have a God who listens to our prayers and can heal whatever emotional or physical problem that a person has!



Chris Leiner, Rita Thompson and Kia McEuen working in the triage area.

After the medical campaign for the day, at night we all gathered in the plaza that is across from the main park in La Merced, and Greg Davidson, who is an illusionist, did a great job presenting the gospel with illusions. It was a very enjoyable show, and 99 more people accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, so we praise Him for that. The mayor of La Merced and his staff were very pleased with the medical campaign, and he gave all the workers a bag of coffee, which we all really liked.



Joshua translating for Greg Davidson during the evening show.

The hardest work of the medical campaign is left for Pastor Genaro Puente, who is the leader of the Methodist Church and Pastor Johnny Vega, who is the leader of the Palabras de Restauración Church. These pastors and the members of their discipleship groups have the great responsibility of following up

on and discipling the new believers. Please pray that God will give them wisdom as they seek to help these people grow in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Just about every Thursday that we are in Huancayo we pray with a small group of Peruvians for our leaders, and for whatever other prayer requests that people give us. God has been faithful and has answered many of our prayers. We have been praying that José, a young man, will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, for a long time. This month he wanted to talk with us, so he shared with us what was going on in his life, and that he felt empty. Arthur shared a short gospel presentation with him, and he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, so we praise God for that. He works and lives in Cerro de Pasco, which is a long way from us, but we are going to try to get together with him some more for prayer and maybe even discipleship in the future. Please pray that God will continue to work in José's life in a great way.

At the same time the medical campaign was underway, a team from Lewis Memorial United Methodist Church from Evans, Georgia lead by Carmen Shealy was helping with construction of the parsonage for the Methodist Church in La Merced, helping with discipleship in some of the local communities, and working in one of the Kid's Clubs. We are grateful to the Lord Jesus for giving us such good disciples like Genaro Puente Jr. who took the responsibility for coordinating and guiding this team, while we were working with the medical mission.



Genaro (center) working with the Lewis Memorial team at the Kid's Club.

The Drums, the McEuens, and we have been working hard to get ready for the Missionary Training that will be done by TMS Global in July. The people from the states that are coming will be missionaries that will be going to various different fields in the future. Also, 20 Peruvians are coming, as well as people from Brazil, Ecuador, Kenya, Jamaica, and Haiti. We will have about 90 people involved in the training. Please pray that God will work in a mighty way in each person's heart, and that all will be more prepared as missionaries to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

We praise God because Arthur's health has continued to improve. He has lost some weight, and his blood sugar levels are much lower, and he no longer has to take insulin to control his diabetes. Please pray that God will continue the healing process in him.

On a sad note, we received notice that we would have to move out of the house that we have lived in for 10 years by the end of August. This is a difficult time to have to find a new place to live, especially

since houses for rent in Huancayo are in such short supply. Not only do we have to move our family, but our home is the office and meeting place for all of the ministries here. We have thought about trying to buy a house, but real estate costs here are very high. Please be in prayer that the Lord Jesus would direct us to the place that he wants us to be and would give us favor in the eyes of the owners.

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 here in Peru. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to awaken and change hearts among the people of Peru.

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, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, and their families. All are missionaries with TMS Global 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,

Arthur, Mary Alice,  
Joshua, Benjamin, Mary Beth

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P.S. We are in need of additional funding to maintain the ministry here in Peru. If you feel led to help financial support the Peru ministry, you can give using one of the following links:

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