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***"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here he has risen!" Luke 24:6
NIV***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We praise the Lord Jesus for having so wonderfully blessed us and for having sent his Holy Spirit to guide and teach us, especially during difficult times. We hope and pray that He has been blessing you wonderfully during this new year and that your life has been filled with His grace and mercy. Thank you for your continued prayers for us and support of the ministry here in Peru. We definitely see the results of you praying for us. 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.

The first few days of this month were spent in Lima renewing Mary Beth's passport and working on government red tape for the medical mission teams that will come this year. Since Mary Alice and Arthur were returning from Trujillo to Lima after helping the Reeves family to move and get settled in, the children traveled from Huancayo to meet them in Lima. This trip was a real blessing as the children were out of school for summer break and the family was able to travel together for a change. From Lima the whole family traveled the 7 hours back to Huancayo and then 8 hours down the valley to Ayacucho. In Ayacucho we made preparations and did training to host a medical mission planned for September. Mary Alice taught a workshop on children's ministries, and another Kid's Club was set in motion. We participated in the three year anniversary celebration of the church. Benjamin and Mary Beth even participated in the praise band. Unfortunately the work necessary to bring medicines and medical supplies into Peru is becoming more onerous each year, and due to this the team that was going to serve in Ayacucho canceled their trip.



Arthur and Mary Alice meeting with Obed and Cindy Alvarez, and Carolyn Smith to prepare for medical teams.

The Lord Jesus is continuing to bless the children's ministry here in Peru. Last year we had an average of 735 children and 40 adults meeting each weekend for the Kid's Clubs. We had Kid's Clubs meeting in Chilca, Huancayo, El Tambo, San Jeronimo and Ahuac which are all within 30 miles of our home. We also had a Kid's Clubs meeting in San Martin de Pangoa in the low jungle area. During the last two months we have trained workers and opened two other Kid's Clubs in Tres Esquinas and Pilcomayo, both which are in the Huancayo area. We also trained two persons from the Yanessa community in the area called Shringamazu in the low jungle so that they could begin a ministry with the children of their tribal community. We now have another small work in Chilca and are training young people from the Alliance Church and Iglesia Centro de Misiones to start children's ministries. Mary Alice has also been preparing to teach children's workers in Shringamazu and Puerto Bermudez in April, when we travel to plan for the medical mission in this area. We were also working with the District Youth Organization (AJUMEC) to promote and start a new Kid's Club in the high jungle area of San Ramon and La Merced, but due to the lack of cooperation from the church there we will be postponing this activity. The work with the Shoeshine boys is continuing to grow.



Benjamin and Mary Beth leading praise and worship with Rocio.

Arthur spent time designing and drawing plans for a church building that will be constructed in Puente Paucartambo in the low jungle this year. He also worked to prepare budgets for this project and the completion of a project in Satipo. Mary Alice and Arthur also traveled to Tarma to meet a team from Mt. Bethel lead by our dear brother in Christ, Ivar Quindland. This group was helping with construction at the church in Tarma.



Practicing with puppets in workshop in Ayacucho

Please be in prayer with us for the continued advancement of the Kid's Club ministry and our efforts to find and train additional workers for this ministry. Pray also for the discipleship and leadership training and the youth cell ministry, and that God would continue to impart His vision in these young people. Please ask God to expand our time and provide additional financial resources for the ministries. Please continue to pray for our new relationship with Mision-AMEN and our relationship with the Methodist Church. Most importantly we would like to ask you to covenant with us and the youth leadership team to be in regular prayer and fasting for the ministry to the lost and dying youth of Huancayo. Pray that we would be protected from attacks and that the enemy's power over these young people would be broken. Pray, also, for the preparations for the medical mission teams that will be coming this year.

Again we want to thank you for all your support and prayers. Please continue to pray for the churches here in Peru. Please pray for the tension in the churches, and for the church leaders. Please pray for the leaders in the Methodist Church: Bishop Marco Ochoa, and District Superintendents Jose Bustamante and David Figueroa. Also be in prayer for Obed 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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