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“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” 2 Timothy 2:2 (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.

The month of March seemed to fly by for us. We enjoyed conducting two leadership workshops this month in our house with Pastor Alberto. As always, Karen Garcia, her sister Lucia, and her father Edmundo, did a great job preparing the meals for the two three day workshops. The first workshop was a basic leadership workshop, and it went well. Several people from Arthur's discipleship group attended. A basic gospel presentation was shared and discussed together. The group was taught how to do inductive Bible studies by observing a passage of Scripture, interpreting it, and applying it to their lives.

We were really impressed by Willy's daughter, Yomara, who seemed to be very interested in learning about Christ and asked really good questions. Soon she will be beginning to study psychology at one of the universities here. Willy has been one of Arthur's disciples for years. Yomara explained that one time recently she saw an alcoholic on the street, and felt like God wanted her to talk with him. She talked with him, and her friend that was with her at the time was afraid to do that. Yomara has compassion for this man and hopes to see him again. Yomara was a good example of what we hope to begin to accomplish in discipleship. We want people to love others with God's love where they are, and not just fill their head with Bible knowledge. Willy's three children and his wife, Margot, are attending Arthur's Friday night discipleship group. Willy, an ex-alcoholic, is doing a great job discipling his family.



Basic Leadership workshop: Left to right kneeling: Pedro, Nelson, Cecilia, and Ruth
Standing: Mary Alice, Andrea, Moises, Alberto, Alfredo, Felipe, Carlos, Yomara, and Estefany

The intermediate leadership workshop also went well. Several leadership characteristics were discussed, such as the importance of being a servant and giving, as well as forgiving others and mentoring them. When the men and women divided up for the sexual purity conversations, it was very interesting to see how God worked through the ladies that came, as they encouraged each other in Christ. There were two mothers and daughters present that night. Lizbeth Aquino shared how people had always made fun of her because she had scars on her face from a skin problem. Even in the university her classmates constantly hurt her with their words and actions. God really used another Judith to minister to Lizbeth. Lizbeth's father had abused her, and is in jail now, and Judith's father abandoned her family when she was a baby. Even though we didn't talk much about sexual purity that night, God had another plan, and His plan is always the best. In our workshops and discipleship groups, we always have a plan, but we listen to the participants to know how God wants to work personally in their lives. Please pray that God will continue to work in all the participants so that they will know Him more and will disciple at least one other person.

Judith, who was in the intermediate workshop, wanted a copy of the Kid's Club lessons to use in her church. Even though Mary Alice is not working directly with one Kid's Club, God is continuing to lead us to people who want to use the lessons and be trained in the ministry. Please pray that God will continue to work through all teachers of children, so that more and more children will love Jesus with all their hearts.



Intermediate Leadership workshop: Left to right: Darwin, Leonardo, Alejandro, Lisbeth, Alberto, Mary Alice, Willy, Alejandra, Judith, and Daniel.

Moisés and Arthur are now working on designing and putting a roof on part of our house. Right now, our house has rooms on both sides with a big open area in the middle, so they will put a roof on part of it, but will leave an open area for part of the patio. This will give us a larger space to host the different groups and activities that we have in our home. It has been a challenge for them, especially because it has been raining so much lately. Arthur still has some tests to run on the solar dryer, but it also has been hard to do with all of the rain. Please pray that God will help them finish these projects as soon as possible.

Our son, Joshua, who is majoring in cross-cultural ministries, will be doing his internship in Peru this summer. Part of the time he will be helping Jorge Ayala in the jungle with discipleship, and part of the time he will spend in Huancayo teaching English in a school here. Please pray that God will provide the funds Joshua needs and that He will work through Joshua in a great way to minister to others when he is in Peru.



Joshua and Arthur

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 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. 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 Ash and Audra McEuen, Martin and Tracy Reeves, Louise Reimer, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, Paul and Kelly Wiegert, and their families. All 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. We reached the monthly giving level that we need right now to sustain the ministry here. Please pray that we can maintain this level through the coming months. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using one of the following links that will give you different options for giving:

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