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“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58 (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 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.

In March, Pastor Beto and Pedro conducted a basic leadership workshop in Chilca. There were fourteen participants, and it went well. We are excited that some of our key leaders are beginning to take some responsibility in these workshops. We would appreciate your prayers that the key leaders will become more and more independent of us, so that they can carry on the ministry without us.



Basic leadership training group in Chilca.

For us, this month was extremely busy. We had the privilege of going to Richmond, Kentucky to meet with Cheryl and Roger Zurich, who are a nurse and a doctor who came on one of our first medical mission teams. God also allowed us to share about what he is doing in Peru in First United Methodist Church of Richmond, where Bruce Nettleton is the pastor. When he was the pastor of Morehead Methodist Church, some of the people from that church came on a medical mission to Peru. It was very good to see all of them, as well as Vicki Conley, who is a nurse that comes on many mission teams to Peru.

Claudia Owen, Arthur's sister, planned a 90th birthday celebration for their mother, Mildred Ivey, at a nice Italian restaurant. All of her children and grandchildren attended, so it was an important event. We all put together a scrapbook for her with some pictures and memories of the past. It was great to have all of our family together once more.



Mildred Ivey with her family on her 90th Birthday.

Besides sharing at several gatherings of people in Georgia this month, we had a great time visiting with Jeff Switzer, a pastor in Gulfport, Mississippi at Trinity United Methodist Church. Several years ago, Jeff was interested in hosting a medical team to Puerto Porvenir, but it didn't work out then. As we shared with the Mission Committee about what God is doing in Peru, a pediatrician was very interested in going on a medical mission with us; if everything works out, she will go with us to Chongas Bajo in August. We would be grateful if you would pray that God will touch the hearts of the people in this church to become more involved in God's work in different countries.

After Mississippi, we traveled through several cities in Texas. We traveled to Humble, Texas to see Ray and Michelle Van Cleave. Ray attended a Sunday school class that Arthur taught

years ago when Ray was single; at that time, we also met Michelle. It was great to see them again and meet their nice children, Leslie Ann and Mitchell. We appreciated them hosting a nice gathering for us to share with some of their friends about what God is doing in Peru.



Arthur and Mary Alice with the VanCleave family.

Next, we visited with Carl and Gwen Hattaway in College Station, Texas. We were thankful that they set up an appointment with Dr. Leonardo Lombardini, who is involved in research on coffee production at Texas A&M. Arthur asked him several questions about the coffee that we are growing on the farm, and it seems that Jorge Ayala, the farm manager, and the agricultural engineer that we are using are on the right track with the way that they are growing coffee on our farm. It was very fun for us to meet a lot of Carl and Gwen's children on the trip and to attend the church where they go regularly, too.

In Dallas, Texas, we visited with Mary Alice's mother, Mary Anne, who is recovering from surgery on her left leg. Thank you for your prayers for her; she is stronger now and is working hard in her therapy sessions, so that her left leg will function better. Please pray that God will continue to heal her.

We had an enjoyable time with Dan and Becky Ross in Missouri; for years, Dan has led a medical mission to Peru. We got to meet all of their children and grandchildren, who were all very nice. We had the privilege of speaking at two different churches and sharing some ideas with a small group of people about how to start home groups and how effective they have been for us in discipling others. We would be grateful if you could pray that God will heal Becky; she has been struggling with her health, but God has improved it greatly the past few months.

Richard and Becky Bly are dear friends of ours for years, and they will be moving from Marietta, Georgia to Germantown, Maryland, because Richard found a job there. All of our children, grandchildren, and we will miss them a lot, because they are good friends with all of us. Please pray that God will give them strength and help them as they move, that they can find new friends in Maryland, that God will care for Richard's parents, and that God will continue to use them in their new location to bring more people to know him.

In our absence there has been a lot of flooding in Peru, especially on the coast. According to news reports approximately 900,000 people have been adversely affected, and highways and transportation systems have been destroyed, as well as, other infrastructure damage. Reports are that damage estimates are between 3 and 4 billion dollars. Please pray that God will provide everything that these people need and that they can turn to Him in their suffering. The Central Highway as well as the other four alternate routes that we use to go to Huancayo have been blocked a lot by landslides from the heavy rain. We would appreciate it if you would pray that God will provide a way for us to return from Lima to our home in Huancayo without any problems or great difficulties.

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 Martin and Tracy Reeves, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, 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 during the year. Because of the continued growth of the ministry and recent shortfalls in giving, we still need to raise approximately \$4800.00 more in monthly giving to sustain the ministry here. Please pray that we can raise the necessary level in the coming months. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

<https://tms-global.org/give>

For giving Missionary support please use the “Give to Missionary” form and specify the 4 digit code 0254 or our name, “Ivey”.

If you wish to direct your gift to one of our “Special Projects”, simply indicate this in the note to the finance department on your checkout page by clicking “add instructions to the finance office” below the gift on your checkout page or by clicking the “edit” button underneath the gift

or you may send a check made payable to “TMS Global” to the address below with a reference on the memo line “Ivey Support 0254”

We would like to remind you that The Mission Society changed its name in January. The new name is TMS Global. The new web address is www.tms-global.org.

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