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***“For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.” Psalm 84:11-12 (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.

In March, we had a special surprise from the Lord Jesus. Our third grandson was born to Joshua and Rocio four weeks early, on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>. His name is Stephen Abraham Cason Ivey. He weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 inches long. Praise God that he is healthy! Joshua, Rocio, and we are all very happy and thankful to the Lord for this precious gift. Please pray that Stephen will continue to be healthy and grow up in wisdom and knowledge of the Lord Jesus and that Joshua and Rocio will be good parents.



Joshua and Stephen

Arthur and Ricardo have worked hard to get the change of officers for the Fraternidad Misionera recorded in the public register. As of March 27<sup>th</sup> all the leadership changes are now legal. Alberto and Ricardo will now be working to make the appropriate changes with the bank and other government entities. Arthur feels a little freer now, because he will no longer be responsible for the paper work of the mission here, but more importantly this is a major step in leadership transfer and moving the Peruvian mission toward independence. Please pray that God will guide the new leaders, Alberto, Pedro, and Ricardo in everything that they do and protect them from the enemy's influence.

The ministry leadership team has been very busy under Alberto's leadership. Early in the month they held a workshop for youth in San Lorenzo. Mary Alice helped with a portion on sexual purity for the young ladies. Alberto visited several times with some of the discipleship groups in Huari and helped them to overcome a significant spirit of discouragement. He and Pedro met with groups in Chilca to encourage them, as well. Alberto, Pedro, Darwin and Willy also conducted a leadership workshop in San Pedro de Saños near the end of the month.



Girls that Mary Alice worked with in the sexual purity part of the youth workshop in San Lorenzo.



Leadership workshop participants in San Pedro de Saños.

Left to right back: Darwin, Saul, Raul, Weller, Jorge, Fredy, and Pedro  
Left to right front: Maria, Elvira, Maria Elena, Nancy, Teodora, Yanina, and Nataly

In addition to the corporate ministry, the Lord Jesus has been opening doors for personal ministry for Alberto. Some of his neighbors have been coming to him, asking him questions and wanting to get to know him more. Also, a Venezuelan couple that sells food at his daughter's school have been very friendly with him, and he will be visiting with them soon. Several people that worked with him in the past leading discipleship groups have also contacted him so that he will come to their group and encourage them. Please pray that Jesus will continue to give him these opportunities to advance His Kingdom.

Sometimes it is a little difficult to know if God is bearing fruit through us or not, so it is always exciting to us when others share about how God is changing people that we work with. We have been leading a discipleship group in the home of Alberto's mother, Dina. His sisters and their children, one brother and his son, as well as one of his sister-in-laws, have been participating. Alberto told us that Jesus has changed his family a lot since we have begun discipling them. They don't argue now like they used to, and they get along and work together to get things done in the house. His sister-in-law, Janet, seems to be really growing in Christ too. Praise the Lord for that!

Arthur is still continuing to work on the logistics for the upcoming June medical campaign in Yoyoto. Alberto has been helping to recruit translators for the team. We still lack confirmation from four of the ten translators to complete the Peruvian part of the team. Fifteen members of the team that will be workers and spiritual area counselors are Asháninka from the ministry that we have in the Anapati region. The remaining twenty are from parts of the ministry in different areas of the country that will come together to support the team from Stonebridge Church in Marietta, Georgia. Please pray for the Lord Jesus to give us grace to complete all of the arrangements for this team and that the ministry they will have here will advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in a great way.

Arthur has been helping Mary Alice finish with the second volume of lessons for the Kid's Clubs. They are now ready for copyrighting and distribution. Our lawyer, Ricardo, will be working with Arthur on the process of obtaining the copyrights.

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 Martin and Tracy Reeves, Paul and Kelly Wiegert, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur and Mary Alice". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

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TMS Global Missionaries to Peru

P.S. We praise the Lord Jesus for providing through each and every one of you during the year. Many of you have helped us make up the shortfall we had for 2018. 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 trying to raise approximately \$111,615 in additional giving for 2019, so that we do not have to cut back on the ministry and lay off national missionaries, again. Thanks to many of you we have received approximately 61% of this amount to date. Any financial help you could give us, either in a onetime 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 in the coming months so we don't have to reduce the ministries again. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

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