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“The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.” Now I have told you.”
Matthew 28: 5-7 (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. We are so thankful to God for you.

We are so thankful for the death and resurrection of Jesus and the new life that He has given us in Him! We hope that each of you has a Happy Easter, filled with the joy and love of the Lord Jesus.

In March, the discipleship groups have continued studying the Gospel of Luke, the Gospel of John, and/or the inductive Bible study method, and there are 154 participants. Discipleship is the key to growing in Christ and becoming free in him. The groups had two special sessions together with brother Francisco Galdamez from Canada, who shared a study about John Chapter 3.

Relationships are a major way to encourage others in Christ and to spread the Gospel message. Beto enjoyed visiting several families this month. One of those visits was with Carmen Rodríguez, who was a Kid’s Club teacher with us since we started them about 19 years ago. She taught the youngest children and was so faithful to be there every week. She loves ministering to children, but because of the quarantine restrictions, she had to stop doing that and became depressed. Since her mother died, she has taken care of her brother, Luis, who has polio and can’t walk. In November she began suffering with a severe facial paralysis, and her condition didn’t improve until a couple of weeks ago. When Beto visited her, she told him how difficult her situation was; however, she decided that all she could do was hold on to the Lord and put her trust in Jesus. Now, at the end of March, her health is much better, and her sister Maria Elena, who returned to Huancayo after several years away, now lives with her. Carmen participates in

the Tuesday night prayer group, and Jesus is giving her His strength and hope. No matter what circumstances we go through, God is always with us, and can make good come out of it.



Carmen

We were blessed to hear from a disciple maker, Silvia Valdez, who works in a very remote undeveloped part of Peru. Silvia, her husband, and child are working in the Marañon River valley with the Awaruna people group, in a community know as Saramiriza. The Marañon River is in the northern part of Peru and flows into the Ucayali River to form the Amazon river. Silvia trained with and worked with one of our teams of Peruvian national missionaries among the Yanesha people group in Shiringamazu and Iscosasin in 2008. With our team there she learned the discipleship methods that we have been using and is now applying these in her work with the Awaruna. Please be in prayer for Silvia, her family and her coworker, Lindura, as there are few resources, and an overabundance of mosquito born illnesses in this region. Please pray that the Lord Jesus would give them success in extending the Kingdom among the Awaruna.



Mary Alice (left) and Silvia (right) leading a Kid's Club workshop in Iscosazin in May 2008.

The farm is continuing to do well. March is a low harvest season for cacao, so Lucio and the other workers took advantage of the time to maintain the farm equipment like the furgoneta (a small three wheeled vehicle used to move heavy loads), the weed eaters, chainsaws, and other equipment. They cleared out a buffer between the jungle and the cacao and treated an area where the undergrowth was unusually heavy. They also started the process of pruning the unproductive parts of the plants. Pedro Mantari and his wife, Marleni, started watching the coffee more carefully looking for the first harvests to appear. Beto is planning to go to the farm again in April when the Holy Week quarantine restrictions are lifted and after the national elections on April 11.



Furgoneta loaded with Cacao.

The last couple of years the spring serving the water system on the farm dried up during the dry season. Arthur was able to acquire a small gasoline powered water pump and prepare it to be used to pump water from the stream on the farm into the water system in case the spring dries up again. He continues to work on designing the bathrooms for the farm and looking for the materials that can be found in Huancayo to build them. When he can't find the materials he needs, he has to change the design to accommodate what he can find.

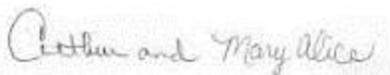
Prayer Requests for April

1. Please pray for Mary Alice for healing from her hyperthyroid problem. Her thyroid is better, but she is still taking some medicine to regulate it. She also still has another test to have done.
2. Please pray that we will be able to go to Lima soon to pick up Mary Alice's permanent visa.
3. Please pray that God will heal all the people that have Covid-19, and will use the vaccine to stop the virus from spreading all over the world. So far only 500,000 of the 36 million people of Peru have received a vaccine.
4. Please pray that the Lord Jesus will stabilize the government situation here in Peru, and place in authority those he chooses. The first round of elections is on April 11th.
5. Please pray for Darwin Davila, as he was chosen to take the Vice President position of the Fraternidad Misionera left by the death of Pedro Duran. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for him and that he would be a great help to Beto.
6. Please pray that God will continue to give the discipleship leaders and the key leaders His wisdom and everything they need as they minister to others.
7. Please pray that the upcoming cacao and coffee harvests would be abundant and of good quality.

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,



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P.S. We praise the Lord Jesus for providing through each and every one of you during the year. 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 now working on raising funds for the Peru portion of the ministry for 2021 which is \$69,000. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have received 54% of this need. 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 so we don't have to reduce the ministries in the future. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

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

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