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***“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.” Psalm 55:22 (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 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.

In March, we continued to visit more supporters of the Peruvian ministry that God has called us to. Our time in the United States was such a blessing for us! We felt cared for everywhere that we went, and many people encouraged us in Christ. Also, we had the privilege of attending and sharing some things that God is doing in Peru, at the President’s Gathering in Fort Myers, Florida. This is an event to raise funds for the office staff, who do a great job taking care of the missionaries that they send to the field. The time that we spent with some people that we knew and other people that we just met at the event was a blessing. Bishop Sharma Lewis did a great job encouraging us by teaching how powerful and sweet is the name of Jesus.

As always, God is continuing to change Peruvians’ lives in a powerful way. Maura and Edmin were a Peruvian missionary couple that worked a lot with us in Huanaco, and they have two young sons. Unfortunately, about two years ago, Maura learned that Edmin had not been faithful to her, and it has been a very sad and difficult time for her. She felt like it was her fault and that she was the one who had destroyed her family. Over time, she has learned a lot and has forgiven Edmin. She is so thankful that God provided a job for her in Huanaco and everything that she needed. God never abandoned her during this time. She has found a family that has been very special to her, and she even thinks of them as her parents. Their names are Carlos and Vilma, and their daughters’ names are Gaby and Vanesa. Above everything, Maura has experienced the love of God. This year she will be studying in person in the university. Please pray that God will help her to do well in her studies and in her full time job, as well as take care of her two children.



Maura

The Peruvians continue to work hard sharing the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible studies that Beto teaches and some of the devotions that were written are now in an audio form on the website, using Spotify. The online discipleship groups continue to meet weekly, and there are an average of about ninety to one hundred and ten people meeting together at different times. The group that is studying how to lead inductive Bible studies is studying Malachi, and the other groups are studying the gospel of Mark, the gospel of John, or the Acts of the Apostles.

It is great that more discipleship groups are now able to meet in person! Even the prayer group met a couple of times in March in this way. Also, there was a three day leadership workshop on how to use the inductive Bible study method and how to lead small groups, that was conducted with twelve participants. In addition, Beto and Darwin visited the brothers and sisters in the San Lorenzo Church in Jauja. They especially enjoyed encouraging Rosario, who is leading discipleship in the church, and the new pastor of the church, Ricardo.



Inductive Bible Study Participants: (Left to right) Yolanda, Alfonso, Carmen, Duglas, Darwin, María, Emilia, Iraida, Fátima, Carlos, Sara y Milagros.

The crops on the farm are continuing to grow well. There was a small chocolate bean harvest this month, and the next four weeks there should be a bigger harvest, because the plants have a lot of pods developing on them. The cost of the chocolate bean at the market is about 8.45 soles per kilo, up from 6.20 soles per kilo. The current price is about 2.32 dollars per kilo.

The farm team has been maintaining the coffee and has installed the pulping machine and washing basins for the next harvest. Besides that, they have arranged a place to dry the coffee near the washing area. They are hoping that the first harvests of coffee will begin in the middle of April. The price of the coffee in the market is fluctuating between ten to twelve soles, which is 2.73 to 3.29 dollars per kilo.

The banana plants have been growing well, and in April the undergrowth will be cut from the plants, so that they will continue growing well.

### **Prayer Requests and Praises for April**

1. Please pray for David Vargas, who is one of the Peruvian leaders. He married Yulia, a young lady from Ukraine, several years ago and was living and ministering in Ukraine. Recently they returned to Peru to visit David's parents so they could get to know their granddaughters. Their two daughters are Franchesca and Kate. Yulia's mother and sister also traveled with them. They are now unable to travel back to Ukraine because of the war, and they are staying in Lima. Please pray that God will provide all their needs during this time and that they will be able to go back to Ukraine in God's timing.



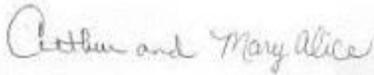
Left to right: David, Fanchesca, Kate, Julia, Alona, and Liubov

2. We will be going back to Peru April 6<sup>th</sup>. There are a lot of protests throughout the country, and many of the highways are being blocked by these protestors. Please pray for protection as we travel and that we will be able to get to Huancayo without any problems.
3. In addition to his left eye, please pray that Jesus will heal Arthur's right knee and his hernia, both of which showed up during his last farm trip in October. Also, pray that he will be able to get the medical care that he needs as soon as possible, once we get back to Peru.
4. Please pray that God will give strength to Lúcio, Marcos, Jorge, and Manuel as they continue to work on the farm taking care of the chocolate beans, coffee, and bananas, and for Beto who oversees the entire endeavor.
5. Please pray for God's wisdom and discernment for Ricardo, the new pastor at San Lorenzo, and Rosario, who is leading discipleship groups at this church and seven other church plants.

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, 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 working on raising funds for the Peru portion of the ministry for 2022 which is \$69,000. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have received 29.5% 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:

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