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"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2 (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.

The virtual discipleship groups and the in person discipleship groups continue to meet each week and are growing in number. There are twelve virtual groups now with 124 participants and seven mentors leading these groups. In addition, there are twenty-three in person discipleship groups with 295 participants and twenty mentors for these groups. Seventy-two people are praying through the prayer guide that is published each week. We still have a long way to go to get back to where we were before the COVID problems, but the ministry is beginning to grow more rapidly again.

During his most recent trip to the farm, Beto talked with Jacson Perez about discipling the people in the Pachacutec community and the nearby village of Saigon. Jacson was part of our national missionary group that we had stationed in Puerto Anapati several years ago. He met his wife, Reyna, there and has been living there since that time. Jacson was very interested and available to disciple these people in small groups using the Inductive Bible study method. He will be working with non-believers, beginning with the people that live and work on the farm. Jacson, his wife, Reyna, and their two children are in the process of moving from Puerto Anapati to the farm to start this ministry. We know that many of you have been praying for this request for a good while, so we thank you for that. Your prayers are so significant for God's Kingdom to grow. Please pray that God will use Jacson and Reyna in a great way to further His Kingdom in this area.



Jacson Perez

Sara Quispealaya shared her testimony with us recently. She grew up in Arequipa in a dysfunctional family. When she was growing up, she never met her father because he abandoned her family. When she was a child, her understanding of God was distorted, because she thought that God was absent in her life, just like her father was, and she thought that He never listened to her or wanted a personal relationship with her.

When she was a young person she worked in her mother's store, and one day a group of youth came to visit her there, who said that they knew her brother who lived in Huancayo. She wrote her brother a letter to send with these youth. She was looking for a way to escape from her house because of her mother's violence toward her. Her brother answered her with a letter, and finally, she was able to move to Huancayo. While she was there, she was able to meet her earthly father. She believes that all these things happened so that one day she would be able to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.

As she began to work at her job, she became more independent and received an invitation to go to a Bible study. She began to attend a church, but for a long time her heart was empty and unsatisfied. She wanted to share Jesus with others, and then had an opportunity to participate in a medical campaign in San Jose de Quero with us, where she served in the spiritual area. She realized as she served the Lord in this experience that Jesus was real in her life. Since that time, she has come to know Jesus in a very deep way. Using the inductive Bible study method was especially meaningful to her. Now she understands more about her past life and how God was always leading her to form a deep relationship with Him.



Sara with her grandson.

Beto was able to talk recently with Bernabé, who is the leader of the ministry in the Asháninka communities. Bernabé shared with him that his daughter, Sheti, wanted to study the Bible in a way that is much deeper, because she has a very strong desire in her heart to serve the Lord in ministry. As a result, Sheti is going to be a part of one of the virtual discipleship groups and will begin to study the discipleship books that we have used in the past for an in depth Bible study. Please pray that Sheti will continue to grow more and more in the Lord Jesus, as He confirms her calling.



Sheti Cashantio

The cacao plants are looking much healthier this month and appear to be free of the fungus and insects that were causing us problems. The initial coffee harvest began in March and should continue to increase through the end of harvest season in late May or early June. The bananas are still producing well. The prices of bananas and coffee have increased, and the coffee price is expected to rise further.

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

1. Praise the Lord that Peru has become more peaceful without the protestors blocking the roads. Please pray for the area along the Bolivian border where problems still persist.

2. Please pray that the Lord Jesus would continue to call persons to work with Beto in the ministry. As the number of groups grow, we need more dedicated mentors to lead them.

3. Dan Ross is a dear friend to us who has led many medical campaigns to Peru for years. His sweet wife, Becky, has serious health problems. Continue to pray that God will heal her completely.

4. We praise Jesus because we do have permission to do medical campaigns again in Peru.

5. There have been more cases of dengue and malaria in the jungle in the area around the farm, so please pray that God will protect all the farm workers there from getting these diseases. Also, please pray for Lucio, the ex-farm superintendent, who now lives in northern Peru, to be healed of dengue.

6. Praise Jesus that our daughter-in-law, Rocio, Joshua's wife, received her US citizenship. This brings them a step closer to being able to return to Peru as missionaries.

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 Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, and their family. 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 were working on raising funds for the Peru portion of the ministry for 2023 which is \$69,000. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have received 36.0% of this need. Any financial help you could give us, either as a one-time 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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