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"And pray for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." Ephesians 6:19 The 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!

There is a powerful work of Jesus going on in the jungle with the Ashaninkas, mainly started by the Cashantio family. Bernabe, his wife Olga, and their children, Josep, Sethi, and Janier live in Boca Anapti, and learned discipleship through Beto, Arthur, and Jorge Ayala. As a result of this, God is using them to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to many other Ashaninka communities, some of which have never heard the gospel before. It hasn't been easy for them because some of the communities are very far away, the climate hasn't been very good, and the resources have been a challenge, but God has provided everything that they need. They always let Beto know when and where they are going to ask for prayer and sometimes, just enough money for gas or food. Bernabe supports himself by working very hard on his own farm with his family. During the first months of this year, Bernabe has been preparing for his next mission trips, and his family and he have visited several communities near Boca Anapti, and especially Yoyato. When the rivers are safe to travel on, Bernabe has thought about visiting communities that are even further away.

Bernabe and his family are a wonderful witness to those in Boca Anapati and to other communities. Arthur and I stayed in his house when we visited Boca Anapati years ago, and his whole family has such a servant attitude! Also, when our son, Joshua, was in college, he did an internship for about two months in Peru and had a blast staying with Bernabe's family. Please pray that God will continue to use his family and all the other Ashaninka leaders to continue advancing the gospel, and pray that Jesus will give all of us the boldness to witness for Him wherever we are.



Left to right: Josep, Bernabe, Olga, Sethi, and Jainer

At the present time, there are twelve virtual discipleship groups and twenty-seven discipleship groups that meet in person. In March, there have been 485 people participating in these groups, and Darwin and Joshua have guided some of these groups. Beto has been busy writing the material for the book of Revelation study.

Years ago, Arthur, with the help of Eric McBride, designed a plastic bottle making machine to bottle soft drinks in Puerto Bermudez, a jungle town. Pablo Paredes and his wife, Floria, used the project to help them in the discipleship work in that area. We are no longer bottling soft drinks, so we would like to sell the bottle machine. There is a person interested in buying this machine, so Beto will be working out the details to pick up the machine and sell it to this person. Please pray that everything will work out for this sale.





Bottle blowing machine

Pre-heat oven

At the farm, the farm team is preparing to fumigate the cacao plants to prepare for the start of the large harvest, which will probably be in April. The coffee harvest should begin in April, too, so the team is fumigating those plants, also. Because of the large amounts of rainfall this year different insects and fungi that can attack the plants have increased significantly. Because of this we will need to fumigate the banana plants, also. The banana plants are growing well, and we expect the harvest to begin in June or July. It has been challenging for Jorge to find people who will help him with harvesting the coffee, but we hope and pray that some youth from the Pachucutec community will want to work with the farm team. Praise Jesus the price of cacao has gone up from about 10 soles per kilo to 33 soles per kilo. This is not good news for chocolate lovers, but it is for us.

Prayer Requests and Praises for April

- 1. Please pray for Mary Alice, as she will have hernia surgery April 12th. Arthur's A1C is down to 7.4 from 8, but there will not be enough time for him to have knee surgery before going back to Peru in July.
- 2. Thank you for your prayers for Mateo, Beto's son. Praise the Lord because his attitude is improving. He has changed schools and is seeing a counselor to help him with his rebellion and to help him not take any more drugs. Please continue to pray that God will free him completely.

- 3. 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. Also, pray that God would provide him a right-hand man, who can support him spiritually and with the ministry.
- 4. Please pray that God will watch over Beto and others as they travel to the farm to work there. Pray that there will be a large cacao, coffee, and banana harvest, so that there will be a lot of profit to sustain the ministry and that God will call a person or couple to disciple the farm team and the people in the Pachucutec community, which is around the farm.
- 5. Joshua, Rocio, Stephen, and Noah arrived in Peru and are living in the same house we lived in. Please pray that the children will adjust well to school and to living in Peru and that God can use Joshua and Rocio in a great way to further His Kingdom.
- 6. Please pray that God will stop the spread of dengue fever, which is now an epidemic throughout Peru.

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, who 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 2024 which is \$69,000. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have received 40.3% 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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