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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here."
(NIV) 2 Corinthians 5:17

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 and pray that He has been blessing you wonderfully during this past month and that your life has been filled with His glorious riches and mercy.

This month we had a great time conducting a leadership workshop with some people in Huayllay, which is a city in the mountains that is about five hours from Huancayo. Many people who live there work in the mines around this area. The participants of the study were very interested in learning more about the Bible, and they asked many questions during all three days of the workshop. Many of them expressed interest in being a part of a discipleship group. Rocio, one of the ladies that participated, was



Leadership group in Huayllay.

very interested in starting a Kid's Club. Denís, a day-care teacher, had a lot of resentment in her heart for eight years against someone that she knew, but in the workshop Jesus Christ helped her to forgive that person, and she felt free and much more peaceful. God has put in her heart to make friends with her students and their parents, so that she can share Jesus with them. Please pray that the participants in the group will continue to grow deeper in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and that they will begin to do what God calls them to do.

Edmin Leon, our coordinator for this region, shared some good news with us from the workshop we held in Codo de Pozuzo in September. One of the ladies in that workshop, Delci, has already shared with three people about Christ, and she is beginning a discipleship group in her home with them. In each workshop, Arthur challenges the participants to share the gospel with at least one person outside the church and to begin discipling them. We were very happy to hear that Delci followed the call of the Lord Jesus Christ to share with these people about Him and to disciple them.

We really enjoyed having three people from True Identity Ministries, Jennifer and Remco Brommet, and Gwen Grant, come to Peru and conduct a True Identity retreat for 31 of our leaders. It seems to have had a big impact on many of them. The leaders were taught that the world and Satan have influenced all of us to believe many lies that block us from knowing that our true identity only comes from Christ. Jennifer shared a beautiful testimony about how Christ changed her life when she learned that her true identity only comes from Him. She used the Ugly Duckling story to explain how she felt as a child, but after she learned who she was in Christ, she felt like a beautiful swan, just like the ugly duckling felt when he saw his reflection in the pond, and realized that he was a beautiful swan, not an ugly duckling.



True Identity trainers: Remco, Gwen, and Jennifer.

Several of the participants shared testimonies with us about how Christ used the retreat to bring healing to their lives. Tears flowed from Floria's eyes as she told us that God had freed her from a lie that she had believed for a long time, and Josué, who works as a missionary in the VRAEM with the national missionary team, now knows who he is in Christ, and how much God loves him, in spite of what he does. Before this teaching on True Identity, he felt like God would punish him if he sinned or did something

wrong, but he learned that God loves us for who we are, not what we do. Also, Josué shared that the teaching helped his marriage, because Bani, his wife, knows who she is in Christ now too.

In the retreat, we studied the different kinds of personalities that people have, and how that can affect our working together as a team. David Vargas shared that he had a masked identity, which is when a person exhibits two opposing personality types, and one of these is not really who he is. He believes that Jesus was calling him back to full-time missionary service, instead of studying to be a pilot.

Edmin León, who is the coordinator of the discipleship groups in the Huancayo area, shared that he realized that he was so busy doing the ministry that he had neglected his time with Christ. It was good for him to be reminded that the most important thing for us to do as believers is abide in Christ, and Christ will flow through us as we get to know him more intimately.

Pedro Duran, who is the leader of many discipleship groups near Huancayo, shared an interesting testimony in which God had revealed a vision to him. In this vision, many famous pastors of big churches were preaching. God asked Pedro, "Are you a member of an organization or are you my sheep?" Pedro felt like that he was a sheep, because sheep listen to the shepherd, and Pedro listens to the good shepherd, Jesus Christ. Pedro has wanted to go as a missionary to cities that were far away for a while, but God shared with him that Pedro needs to first know his true identity before he does that. In this retreat, God showed Pedro that his true identity only comes from the Lord Jesus Christ.

After we finished with the two retreats, Arthur, Mary Alice, and the team went back to Lima, and Pastor Beto had an important meeting with our key leaders of the ministry. It was a meeting to encourage them to take more responsibility in the ministry and also to give us suggestions about how we could improve the ministry. Pastor Beto shared with Arthur briefly that the meeting went really well, and that the leaders were praying and sharing ideas about how they could support and do the ministry themselves, without the support from Arthur. Please pray that God will give wisdom to these leaders so that eventually, they will be able to do the ministry without us.



Pastor Alberto (Beto) Fernandez

Jhomara, Willy Salgado's daughter, has expressed an interest in learning how to share the gospel, so she is meeting with Mary Alice each week to learn how to share her testimony and the gospel. Also, Jhomara has many girlfriends in the university who have problems with their boyfriends, so Mary Alice is also sharing with Jhomara how she can help her friends. She is studying to be a psychologist, and has a great interest in listening to others and helping them. Please pray that God will use Jhomara in a great way to reach many people for Christ in the university.

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 give praise to the Lord for bringing us additional persons called to be part of the missionary team in Peru. Covenant with us to continue in prayer for the young adult leadership team. 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, Louise Reimer, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, Paul and Kelly Wiegert, 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,

Arthur and Mary Alice

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Missionaries to Peru

P.S. We praise the Lord Jesus for providing through each and every one of you. We reached the monthly giving level that we need right now to sustain the ministry here. Please pray that we can maintain this level through the coming months. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

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