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“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”
Psalm 27:14 (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.

October was a very busy month for us, but it was very enjoyable. Karen Burke and Emily Montgomery from Asbury Church in Madison, Alabama, came and led a women’s retreat for two groups of 15 women. Karen did a wonderful job teaching from Colossians 3, and she emphasized that each woman was chosen, holy, and loved by God. These women needed to hear that, because many times women are not appreciated in Peru. At least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the women in Peru have been abused in one form or another. Also, Karen taught that we should let our sinful nature die, and we should let Christ clothe us with his compassion, kindness, and humility. One night she taught about how important forgiveness is, and as a result, at least three women began to forgive someone who had hurt them very deeply. Praise God!

Emily did a wonderful job leading worship and games. The women really enjoyed both of these. Also, Emily spent a lot of time with the young girls and women getting to know them, and that was so important because many of them don’t have people that will truly care about them and listen to them.

During the retreat, one thing that Karen told the women was that for the retreat to be successful, they should share with others what they learned. Analí is a young girl who attended the retreat, and she told Mary Alice that she has been sharing with some of her friends about

what she learned. Praise God! Please pray that God will continue to bear fruit through all of the participants.



First Women's Group

Back left to right: Magdalena, Analí, Lisbeth, Karen, Lucia, Isabel, Mary Alice, Alejandra
Middle left to right: Karen, Emily, Jhomara, Betsabe, Nicole, Raquel, Stephani
Front left to right: Domnina, Adela, Maria, Tatiana, Emily.



Second Women's Group

Back left to right: Karem, Katherine, Julisa, Yovana, Susana, Mary Alice, Angela
Middle left to right: Karen, Jennifer, Edith, Mercy, Emily
Front left to right: Margot, Sandra, Mercedes, Carmen, Bani

Nicole Salgado and Mary Alice began Nicole's evangelism training, and Nicole is doing a great job learning a presentation of the Gospel, little by little. When we do evangelism training, we always pray with two people each week, because we believe that prayer is so important. One

person that Mary Alice asked to pray with her was Elsa, Pastor Beto's sister. When she went to Elsa's house to pray, Elsa was not the only one there. Elsa's daughter, Andrea, was there, her sister, Isabel, and her son, Diego, as well as, Beto's mother, Dina. What a blessing! A whole family is praying for Mary Alice and Nicole. They all had their Bibles with them, too.

We felt like God was leading us to form a small group Bible study with this family, because they seem so ready to learn more about Jesus. Mary Alice asked them if they would like for us to disciple them, and they were all very excited about that. When Beto's father was alive, he got all the family together at night, and they all read the Bible together. Since he died, they haven't been reading together, but it is very obvious that they want to begin again.

We had our first Bible study with them, and it was so fun! Beto's brother, Jorge, played the guitar as we sang some worship songs; we prayed for each other, and Arthur led a Bible study on 2 Timothy Chapter 1. Afterward, we enjoyed eating a snack together. For us, this was an example of a real church. What a blessing, and we get to do it every week! Please pray that God will bear fruit through this sweet family.

Some more good news is that Matias Salgado, Nicole's brother was baptized this month. God has done marvelous things in the family of Matias. Many years ago when our children still lived here, his father, Willy, who was a waiter in the Carrambas restaurant, noticed that when our family came to eat there, we were always happy and laughing. As a result, Willy wanted to talk to Arthur. During the conversation Willy accepted Christ. He was already in Alcoholics Anonymous, and Jesus freed him completely from alcohol. Willy became part of one of Arthur's discipleship groups, and began to work with Arthur in the ministry with the Shoeshine Boys in a park downtown, as well as participating in medical campaigns and learning how to evangelize with us. Willy's family noticed a big change in him, and his family began to participate in Arthur's Friday night discipleship group. When Jhomara, Willy's oldest daughter, doesn't have classes she comes to the group. Nicole, and Margot, Willy's wife, come regularly, and we have noticed a big change in them, too. For a while, Matias was very rebellious and didn't even want to go to high school, but he accepted Christ, and has begun to work in the medical campaigns, too, along with the entire family. We are so happy that Matias has been baptized and that God is giving joy to Willy's family.



Matias being baptized.

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, 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. Even though we have significantly reduced our budget, because of the continued shortfalls in giving and the problem with the US Postal Service that the TMS Global office has experienced, we still lack income to grow the ministry here. We would like to be able to raise an additional **\$60,000** in additional giving between now and the end of the year to help increase our ministry ability for next year. Please pray that we can raise the necessary level in the coming months so we don't have to reduce the ministries again. 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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