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“What God the Father considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering and to keep oneself from being corrupted by the world.”

James 1:27 (Today's English 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 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. We want to give you special thanks for your continued prayers for us and support of the ministry in Peru. We definitely see the results of your prayers for us and for the ministry here. You are special people called by our Lord Jesus Christ to minister to His children. Thank you for your faithfulness to His calling. Thank you for your love for Him, for us, and for His children.

The work here in Peru has grown considerably over the past several years, and we find ourselves in need of additional support to maintain the work here in Peru. Because of this, we will be returning to the States for 4 months from November 2012 through February 2013. We have not been back for any length of time since 2005. We hope to visit and catch up with as many of you as we can in this time. We would like to stay in the States longer, but our Peruvian visa does not allow us to do so.

We hope to add new supporters to those of you who currently support the work here in Peru, and would like to ask for your help in doing this. If you would be willing to introduce us to persons you know that might be interested in supporting the work here, we would be deeply grateful. We are not looking for persons who can give large amounts of money, but those who would be willing to contribute \$10.00, \$20.00, or more per month to help with the work. Of course if someone wanted to give a large offering, we would gladly accept it. We would appreciate it if you would consider hosting a gathering in your home of around 15 persons who

might share this interest, and allow us to come and present the ministry to them. If you would not be able to host a gathering, but know of someone that might be interested, please share their contact information with us, and we will gladly get in touch with them.

In September, we had a very busy and fruitful month. Covenant United Methodist Church from Dothan, Alabama came and conducted a medical campaign with us in Chongos Bajo, a small town which is about 30-45 minutes from where we live in Huancayo. Chongos Bajo is a town where there is a lot of idolatry, and people come there to worship the oldest cross in Peru. We conducted the medical campaign right across the street from this cross, and many people were there worshipping it. There were also candles around the cross, and many people take the melted wax from these candles to fortune tellers to find out about their future.



People worshipping the cross in Chongos Bajo.

In spite of the abundance of idolatry, the medical campaign went exceptionally well. We had Peruvian workers help us from 4 different churches in this area. There were 1025 people attended in this campaign. The medical doctors attended 823 people; the eye doctor attended 127 people, and the dentist attended 75 people. The best part of all was that 484 people accepted the Lord Jesus Christ for the first time, and 21 people were reconciled to Him. Please pray that the people in Chongos Bajo who will be doing the follow up on these new believers will be filled with the Holy Spirit as they encourage the new believers in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We already have discipleship groups in this area, so these groups will be a big help to the new believers.



Sharing the Gospel to one of the patients during the medical mission.

During this campaign, we met many people who had special needs, and it was an honor and a privilege to pray for them and to tell them how much God loves them. One young boy, Saul, was an orphan who lives with his uncle and his aunt. Unfortunately, they don't even give him food all of the time, so we were able to give him lunch each day. One of the pastors from the area is going to pray and help him when she can. Also, we met another family that had a lot of problems. The father abused the 2 year old, Sissi, and because of this her 16 year old sister, Usvina, decided to not go to school anymore to protect her sister. Their brother, Gustavo, has leukemia. Their oldest brother, Pedro, who is 11 years old, lives in Lima in an orphanage, and he is in trouble because of robbery. The mom, Nanci, is not at home much because she works. The father has abandoned them all. Many other women that we attended in the campaign had husbands that didn't support them in the home at all, or they were widows. Although we can't solve these people's problems, we know the importance of prayer, and that nothing is impossible with God. Please pray that God will meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people in Chongos Bajo.

In addition, Pastor Beto, Arthur, and Mary Alice conducted leadership workshops in Molinos and Huanuco, and they both went really well. Sarvia Duran, a young lady who has been to several leadership workshops and participated in the Mission Society training, gave a wonderful testimony in the workshop in Molinos about how she has begun discipleship groups with youth in her community in Panao. There are many non-believers in the groups, and several of the youth that are Christians have begun their own discipleship groups with other youth. One young man,

Juan, that was in the workshop, even leads the whole church in doing inductive Bible studies. God is really working through Sarvia and these youth, and we praise Him for that.



Workshop attendees in Molinos. Left to Right: Sarvia, Manuel, Arthur, Jhon, Alberto, Agober, Predesvilda, Armando, Clotilda, Leonida, Jenny, and Lorio

In the workshop in Huanuco, there were 9 pastors from different churches in the area in addition to other participants, and these pastors were very excited about beginning discipleship groups. Several of them asked that we give them a copy of the CD of the Kid's Club lessons written by Mary Alice, so we did that. Please pray that God will give all of the participants in these workshops His wisdom and courage to start their own discipleship groups, so that more people can grow in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

We celebrated Mary Beth's birthday this month. She turned 19 years old on September 18th, but we celebrated the Sunday before this, because we were not going to be at home on her birthday. Of course we had Oreo pie, which is one of her favorite desserts. She is maturing and is doing a great job being a mom, and her son, Dominic is very precious to us.

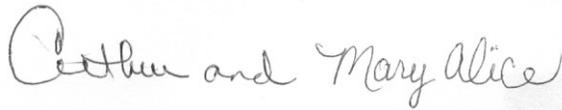
On September 30th, Arthur and Ricardo Nattery will be traveling to the jungle to see what is going on with the agricultural project. There is a good chance that the papers for the title will be completed. Also, Arthur hopes to document the progress of completing the road to the land, and the progress of the project. Please pray that God will put His angels around them, and will give them favor in the eyes of the officials.

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 continue to pray for financial support for the ministries both from Peruvian sources and U.S. sources. Please continue to be in prayer for the continued growth in the ministries here in Peru. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to awaken and change hearts among the people of Peru.

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 Billy and Laurie Drum, Ash and Audra McEuen, Martin and Tracy Reeves, Louise Reimer, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, Paul and Kelly Wiegert, and their families. All are missionaries with the Mission Society that currently or will soon be working 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. Due to the devaluation of the dollar and the growth of the ministry, we are in need of additional funding to maintain the ministry here in Peru. We are currently in need of an additional \$4000.00 per month.

If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link that will give you different options for giving:

<http://themissionsociety.org/connect/connectmissionaries/people/ivey>,

or you may send a check made payable to "The Mission Society" to the address below with a reference on the memo line "Ivey Support 0254"

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