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“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.” 1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV)

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.

Jesus blessed us with a very busy and productive month in September. Pastor Beto, Karen, Arthur, and Mary Alice conducted two leadership workshops in Pullcalpa. Pullcalpa is a nice town in the jungle, and to get there, we took a car to Lima and then a one hour flight to Pullcalpa. By road Pucallpa is approximately 24 hours of travel time from Huancayo.

The first workshop was a basic level leadership workshop, where the gospel is shared and discussed, and Pastor Alberto introduces the Inductive Bible study method. Josué Ramirez and his wife, Bani, are from the Shipibo people group, and they have been discipling people in their community. The majority of the participants were from their discipleship groups. Most of the participants were women, and although some of them admitted that they weren't very educated, they were very open to learning about the Lord Jesus. It was very evident that Josué really cared about them and that they respected him.

During this workshop, God touched many of their hearts in different ways. Josué's aunt forgave her ex-husband and really wanted to bless him. Three grandmothers were encouraged by Jesus to share with their grandchildren about Him. Roberto shared that his entire family was involved in witchcraft, and earlier in his life, after praying to receive Christ, God gave him more happiness, peace, and tranquility than he had ever had. He asked us to pray for those in his family still involved in witchcraft:

Gilberto and his family, Pascual and his family, Benjamin and his family, Arnolando and his family, and for his mother, Carolina, so that they can come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. If God lays this on your heart, please pray for them, also.



Workshop participants: (back left to front right): Arthur, Karina, Susana, Alberto, Josué, Jorge, Silvio, Clementina, Guillermina, Mary Alice, Adilia, Karen, Jaime, Carolina, Maria, Reyna, Bani, Elsa, Roberto, Bernabé, and Joshua

Josué, Bani, and those from their community attend a church called “The Cordero de Dios.”(The Lamb of God). When the church had a pastor that was in charge, many times he would do things that were not biblical, and the people were not in agreement with this, so normally the pastor would quit. During the workshop, the group realized that Jesus Christ can be their pastor, and they can work together to do God’s will without having a specific pastor that was paid. We talked about the biblical concept of servanthood, and that since Jesus Christ was our servant, as leaders we should serve others like He did. Josué is currently leading the church, but not as the pastor.

Earlier this year, Josué and some of the participants in this group went to a nearby Shipibo community, Puerto Nuevo, to conduct an evangelistic campaign, and many people accepted Christ. The group is excited about going back to these new believers to share with them what they are learning about Christ in discipleship. Please pray that God will do miracles in the hearts of the Shipibos in Puerto Nuevo.

In the second workshop, all the participants were Peruvians. It was fun getting to know Edmin León’s younger brother, Amuel. During the workshop, Bety and Nemías, a middle aged couple, forgave each other and began the restoration process in their marriage. After praying with Nemías, he seemed much happier and tranquil. Please pray that God will continue to heal their marriage. Edmin León told us that Amuel and John, two young men in this workshop, now have started their own discipleship groups. Praise God for that! Amuel lives in Panao, and John has just moved to a small town near Yuriqmarca.



Workshop participants: (back left to front right): Arthur, Nemias, Alberto, Joshua, Amuel, Jorge, Josué Julio, Gloria, Mary Alice, Bety, Karen, Milagros, Jhony, John, Bani, Silvio, and Elsa

Johnny and Milagros, who are pastors in Sungaro and helped us with the medical campaign there, also participated. They shared with us that after the medical campaign, there was more violence in Sungaro, and some men were gossiping that it was the medical team's fault. One young girl was raped and killed by a man, and he took out her organs, so that other Peruvians would believe that we did it. There is a rumor in Peru that people from other countries kill people to steal their organs, and these people are called Pistacos. Since that time, the police have captured the man that did it, so the Peruvians don't believe that we did it anymore.

Some of you know that Betsabé, the pharmacist that worked with us in Sungaro, was accidentally shot when two robbers who just robbed a bank in Sungaro were trying to escape from the police. The police and they were shooting at each other, and someone accidentally shot Betsabé in her left lung. She was taken to a hospital in Pullcalpa, and then transferred to Lima to have surgery. Thank you so much for your prayers for her. The doctor removed the bullet from her lung, and she is now back in Sungaro and doing well. Also, the husband of the hotel owner where some of the team stayed got shot. We don't have information on how he is at this time.

Nelson and Jenny, who planted a church in Sunguro and grew it to 80 members, and who also helped us with the medical campaign, have left Sungaro to pursue a different direction in their life. Please pray that God will provide jobs for Nelson and Jenny, and they He will help Johnny and Milagros as they follow up on the new believers from the medical campaign. Pray that God will pour His Holy Spirit on the people in Sungaro, so that all can know Jesus as Savior and Lord, and that He will protect the people there from the violence and evil that is present. We believe that Satan is mad about so many people accepting Jesus during the campaign, but even though he is trying to stop the will of God from being done, he will not be successful, because Jesus is more powerful and is in total control.

Arthur, Jorge, and Moisés have been working to get ready for the start of the harvest on the cacao farm. The plants are maturing, and we expect to begin to see significant harvest starting the first part of 2017. Some of the trees are already producing. While we were traveling, Moises went to the farm to construct an additional building that will be used to house the harvest workers while they are on the farm. Jorge has also been busy directing the work to prune and fertilize the trees to prepare them for better production. We currently have approximately 11,000 cacao trees. Jorge was also working to clear more land for additional coffee production.

Jhmora Salgado, who is learning to evangelize with Mary Alice, shared the gospel with four of her cousins, who all accepted Christ. Also, at the park, she shared the entire presentation by herself with two girls who accepted Christ. Praise God for how He is bringing many people to know Him as their personal Savior and Lord!

Pastor Beto, Mary Alice, Arthur, and Edmin León also conducted a basic leadership workshop in Tayabamba, which is a small town in the mountains of the Loreto province. To get there we traveled in a car for ten hours and stayed in Tocache for the night. The next day we traveled for about eleven hours to arrive in Tayabamba. We traveled through five provinces or states, to get there. Wilner and Elena, two of our key leaders, are the pastors of a church in Tayabama, and Wilner is discipling a group of people, so that they can begin other groups. We had the privilege of getting to know some of them. Guillermo, the pastor of a church in Yacabama, was there, and was excited about beginning the discipleship study with some of his key leaders. Mary Alice and Arthur also enjoyed sharing with some of the youth in Wilner and Elena's church. Please continue to pray that God will use Wilner and Elena in a great way to lead others in a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and that God will refresh them with the Holy Spirit.



Tayabamba workshop participants (back left to front right):
Edmin, Javier, Alcides, Carlos, Carides, Guillermo, Victor, Wilner, Josias,
Alberto, Iلسis, Nery, Marla, Mary Alice, Francisca, Melchora, Elena

Guillermo had a wonderful testimony about how God allowed his wife to have children. They tried for ten years to have children and even tried to adopt a child, but it never worked out. One day a native pastor came to their house and prayed that they could have children. He was very sure that God would

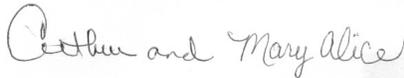
give them children, and that Guillermo's wife would be pregnant in one month. In one month she was pregnant, and had a normal baby girl nine months later. They were able to have a second child with no problem too. Now they are able to encourage people who have trouble having children.

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, Theresa Anderson, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, and their families. All are missionaries with the Mission Society 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. Our monthly giving level is better but is still approximately \$1000.00 per month below what we need to sustain the ministry here. Please pray that we can return to the necessary level in 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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