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“This is why I tell you: do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn’t life worth more than food? And isn’t the body worth more than clothes? Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren’t you worth much more than birds?” Mateo 6:25-26 (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 month of September was very enjoyable. Arthur, Mary Alice, Alberto, and Karen had a great time conducting three leadership training workshops in Panao, Pachuchapan, and Canta. In Panao and Pachuchapan, Edmin Leon, who is the coordinator of the discipleship groups in that area, took very good care of us, and he was excited to see how the people reacted to the workshop. Alberto did a great job sharing with the people how to tell stories and how to do an inductive Bible study. We also enjoyed spending time with Edmin’s wife, Maura, and his son, Caleb. We are so thankful to God because from just these two workshops, around 150 people in this area have begun to be a part of a discipleship group.

Pastor Silvio, who worked with us in Panao, is now working with discipleship groups and helping us expand the work into the area of Pozuzo. He now has developed mentors and opened eight new groups. We hope to hold a mentor workshop there next year. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide all of the discipleship leaders in this area, that the participants in the groups will be faithful to come each week, and that all of them will grow in a great way in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.



Panao workshop participants

Back left to right: Silvio, Esau, Amos, Niko, Pedro, Onorato, and Manuel

Front left to right: Alberto Sarbia, Mary Alice, Hermila, Elisabeth, visitor, Basilio, and Edmin

Not pictured: Guillermo, Marcial, Imer, Marcelino, and Erlin



Pachuchapan workshop participants

Left to right: Mary Alice, Anibal, Alberto, Karen, Orlando, Jonas, Luis, Elvis, and Eladio

Not pictured: Elias, Melchor, and Fernando

In addition, the workshop in Canta went very well, although it was a challenge because we were there when the whole town was having a one of their most important pagan festivals. Bands continually played almost all day long in the streets, passing by the missionary house where we were having the workshop. They even celebrated the last day of the festival with bull fights sacrificing seven bulls. It is sad to see people that don't know the Lord Jesus squandering their lives and resources in this way.



Activity in Canta workshop

Left to right: Waldir, Jorge, Teresa, Efrain, Miguel Mirian, Martha, visitor, and Carmen.
Not pictured: Mercedes, Eladia, Romarico, Zury, and Edith

We enjoyed meeting all of the people in the workshop in Canta, as well as seeing Edith Romero and Miguel Chavez, who are the leaders of discipleship in this area. Jorge, one of the participants, really had a great testimony. In the past, he was involved with a gang, but the Lord Jesus Christ saved him, and he became a pastor. For part of his work, he ministers to guys that are part of gangs. He asked the Lord how he could share with them in their world, and the Lord told him to just read the Bible. Jorge told us that there are always conflicts with gangs, so he shared with them about how God and Satan are in conflict, and that God will win the battle. Please pray that the Lord will continue to move in people's hearts in Canta and the surrounding areas, so that they can grow in Christ and be set free in Him too.

The discipleship ministry is continuing to grow. We currently have approximately 307 groups with 167 mentors and 4650 participants. To date, we have trained 358 mentors in 25 mentor workshops. Please pray that each one of these persons will grow in Christ and become a vital part of the Kingdom of God here in Peru.

Years ago Edith Romero attended one of the Microenterprise workshops conducted by John Pearson and his team from Roswell United Methodist Church, and afterwards she opened a store in the market area in Canta. Her business is doing well. In her store there are basic school supplies, stuffed animals and other toys, hair and nail accessories for girls, and many other items. She is thankful that she was able to be part of the Microenterprise workshop so that she can support herself better. She is currently attending

school and majoring in nursing and will graduate this year. Please pray that God will continue to guide her in everything that she does.



Edith in her small store.

Karen Garcia, Alberto's wife, is another young lady who attended one of the Microenterprise workshops. She and her sister Lucia have begun a catering business. They have cooked meals for lunch after people have been baptized, and they have cooked the food for birthday parties and many other events. Lucia has raised enough money to start studying education in the university, and is very excited about that. She wants to teach the youngest children in kindergarten after she completes her studies.

Karen has only one more test to complete the requirements for her obstetrician license. She has been and will continue to be a great help in the medical campaigns. It is very exciting to see how the Lord provides everything that people need in order to complete His will. Please pray that God will continue to protect, guide, and provide for Lucia, Karen, Pastor Alberto, and their two children, Rodrigo and Mateo. They are an essential part of the ministry here in Peru.

The Lord Jesus Christ is working in Karen's family too. Her father had some problems in the past, but God is healing him, and he is participating in one of the discipleship groups. Recently he has begun a carpentry business, and it is going very well. We praise the Lord Jesus for what He is doing in Edmundo's life.

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 and their continued ministry to the spiritually lost and dying youth of Huancayo. 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, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, Paul and Kelly Wiegert, and their families. All are missionaries with TMS Global 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,

Arthur, Mary Alice, Benjamin, Joshua, and Mary Beth Ivey
Missionaries to Peru

P.S. We are in need of additional funding to maintain the ministry here in Peru. If you feel led to help financial support the Peru ministry, you can give using one of the following links:

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