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“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” Hebrews 12:1b – 2a. (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. We are so thankful to God for you.

As many of you know, we have been working to transition the ministry here in Peru to the Peruvians. Jesus showed us about five years ago using the story about John the Baptist that we must begin to decrease. He made it clear that we had to work to make a change so that the Peruvians no longer were depending on us, but would trust totally and only in Jesus Christ. We must decrease, and He must increase. We have been blessed with much success to date, but it has been a long difficult road to travel. About two years ago, Arthur resigned as the President and Executive Director of the ministry organization that we started years ago here in Peru called the Fraternidad Misionera. Alberto Fernandez (Beto) took Arthur's place, and Pedro Duran came on as the Vice-president. Darwin Davila has been a big help in the process, as well. Beto has worked faithfully with Arthur to slowly move this process forward, but many of the leaders that had been developed over the years expressed their disdain for having to work with Beto instead of Arthur. As a result of Arthur forcing them to go to Beto, they decided they did not want to work with us anymore. Many have left us, and many have even done things to betray us. Recently the Lord Jesus called Pedro home and that has left a big hole in the team that we are working to fill. Because of Beto's persistence and perseverance and the fact that Arthur doggedly does what he believes Jesus calls him to do, things are beginning to move well toward the goal of an independent Peruvian ministry. Many of the young people that Beto has been

developing are stepping up and taking on responsibility. Many are working to fill the gaps that have been left, by the losses. The farm is beginning to move in a very positive direction, with significantly increased production during the last three months. Beto has been able to rectify many issues caused by the betrayal of our last farm manager, and the farm process and the discipleship in the region are showing great improvement and advances. Even though it is very hard for us not to be directly involved in many of the ministries, right now it is what God has called us to do. God is showing us the importance of always being perseverant, not giving up, and of always supporting, encouraging, and loving the Peruvians who we work with, as best we can. Please pray that we will continue to do God's will.

The ministry activities online have continued this month, and when Alberto travels to the farm, Darwin Davila leads his groups for him. Beto finished teaching the first online course on Inductive Bible study and has begun teaching another group. Some of the graduates from the first group are now leading their own groups: Darwin, Ronald, Julio César, Antonella, Romy, and Jhon have a total of 55 persons participating in their groups. These groups are not only in Huancayo, but in Puno, Arequipa, and Huancavalica. Also, Beto is leading a group for the church, Palabras de Vida in La Merced, where Valentino was the pastor before he went to be with the Lord Jesus. Verónica Portillo has begun a new group to teach new believers about Jesus. In all, 176 people are participating in these groups that we know about. In addition, 91 people and their families are praying through the prayer guide each week.

Beto and Saúl traveled to the farm for a week to make sure that everything is going well and to further evaluate the condition of the facilities. Saúl is a young man who has been a faithful participant in the ministry, and translated for our last medical team in Yoyato. He was teaching



Saul and his wife, Maria.

English, but his employer stopped paying him, so he has been working part time as a mason's assistant. They inspected the cacao dryers for damage and need of maintenance. They took temperature readings inside the dryers to help assess their level of operation. The information will be used to schedule needed maintenance and develop a regular maintenance schedule. In addition, they checked the additional fermentation boxes that Lucio built to be able to handle the cacao harvest, as the first three were not enough for the level of harvest that was occurring. They also, checked the water system, since it stopped producing water in mid-June due to the drought. The water level in the collector was up some, and since the rainy season has come early, we expect it to start functioning again. We will be looking into the possibility of extending the collector system to avoid this problem with subsurface investigations during future trips.



Additional fermenter boxes constructed by Lucio.

Beto and Saul were also able to finish the GPS survey of the coffee to determine the actual area that had been planted, since the previous farm manager would never complete it. We now have a much better ability to control and improve the farm into the future. We also have a local worker who will be caring for the coffee who has done a good bit of maintenance on the plants that had been left undone. The actual area of coffee planted is 7 hectares that was previously reported as 9 hectares. The plants are looking very healthy, and we are expecting the harvest to be reasonably good next year.



Typical coffee plant flowering.

Beto has developed two additional buyers for the cacao. One of our original buyers has evaluated the cacao for quality and has indicated that soon we will have a certificate indicating that it qualifies as organic. Between the increase in demand and improved quality we are now receiving two soles more per kilogram. Since August we have been able to harvest and sell a little over one and a half tons.

Beto continues to help disciple believers in the area of the farm. He conducted a Bible study group in Pedro Mantari's house. Pedro is the man who works the coffee for us now. We are in need of a worker to further develop discipleship in this area as Daniel had to leave due to family problems. Please pray that the farm team will continue to grow in Christ and that they realize that they are a very important part of the ministry right now. Their names are: Lúcio, Marita, Judith, Marcos, Pedro, Marleny, and Edgar. Marita is pregnant with her third child, so please pray that she will stay healthy and strong during this time. Please pray for two additional discipleship workers for this area, as the spiritual harvest is great, but the workers are few.

Arthur has been busy designing a permanent fermenter for the cacao, and Ivan and his girlfriend, Cecilia, who is an architect, are proof reading the drawings to make sure that everything is accurate. Arthur is looking for a mason who can quote and build the base for the fermenter. Please pray that God will give Him wisdom to find the right person.

Praise the Lord that the quarantine in Huancayo has mostly been lifted. We can go out on Sundays now, and the curfew is not until 11:00 p.m. each night. We now have an appointment with Interpol on October 20th in Lima, to begin the process for getting our permanent visa. With a permanent visa, we won't have to renew our visa each year, and there will be fewer restrictions on our travel outside of Peru.

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 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. As you may be aware, we are responsible for raising not only our own support, but the funds necessary to support the entire ministry here in Peru. Our giving has been down slightly, but due to the quarantine here, so are our costs. We are now working on raising our budget for the Peru ministry for 2020 which is \$105,700. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have received 47% of this need. Any financial help you could give us, either in a onetime gift or monthly support, would be appreciated. Monthly gifts of \$50.00, \$100.00, or more are very helpful. Really, no amount is too small. Please pray that we can raise the necessary level so we don't have to reduce the ministries in the future. If you feel led to help financially support the Peru ministry, you can give using the following link:

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