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"Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you." Psalm 89:8 (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.

God is continuing to change many Peruvians' lives through the Holy Spirit. Keren knew Jesus very early in her adolescence, and her mother and the rest of her family began to participate in the local church in Satipo, which is a city in the jungle. In one of Beto's visits to the jungle, Keren explained that her spiritual growth was from her own strength, and when she was at church, she only did the rituals out of duty. There wasn't a way for her to ask questions, and she wasn't growing deeply in her knowledge of the Bible, so he invited her to join a virtual discipleship group, and she did. She participates in the group on Sunday, where they are studying the Book of Psalms, and in the group on Monday, where they are studying 2 Corinthians. She is so excited to be growing in the Lord Jesus, and she has grown much more in her relationship with Him in the past two years than being in a traditional church for fourteen years. Keren is struggling to participate in a traditional church, but she has taken the responsibility of teaching her mother and sisters about Jesus every Friday night. Praise the Lord! As people study the Bible in small groups, we have seen that God bears much fruit.



Keren

This month Arthur had to go to a hardware store to find a light switch. He went to one store where they did not have the part, so then he went to a different store. Kati, who is a middle-aged woman, helped him at the store. When she asked him what he was doing in Huancayo, he told her that he was a missionary, and she started crying. She shared with him that she loved God, but she felt like something was missing in her life. She began asking him questions about God, and he felt led to share the gospel with her. She accepted Christ right there in that moment. Mary Alice and Arthur want to go back and visit her and invite her to participate in a discipleship group. Please pray that she will be open to doing that.

Beto visited many families this month to encourage them in their faith. Arthur and he spent most of their time preparing for the medical campaign that begins October 2nd and ends October 6th. They had to buy medicines, make hotel reservations, contract a person to cook the entire week, submit the necessary papers to the Ministry of Health, and many other things. This has been the first medical campaign that will be done since the pandemic, so it was not easy getting everything done, but God was good helping them to complete what they needed to do.

This month the farm team has continued to harvest the cacao, and it has been evaluated as a grain of such good quality that the price for it has risen to S/.12.30 soles, which is a very good price. The farm team also cleaned the underbrush from ten hectors of cacao, and it was necessary to hire one more worker to help with the harvest from the Pachacutec community, because the harvest was so good.



Harvested bananas waiting for buyer.

The coffee plants are being pruned by a person from the Pachacutec community, who was contacted and hired by Jorge Perez, the farm manager. Also, this month Beto was able to contact the person who buys our bananas. Because the banana harvest is not as much as in the past, now it is harvested every two weeks, instead of every week. Clearing for planting to plant additional bananas is ongoing, as well.

Prayer Requests and Praises for October

1. Praise the Lord that John Pearson's lymphoma is improving, and Robyn Burruss's cancer is under control. Please pray for their continued healing.

2. Around the farm area, there has been an increase in violence from narcotics traffickers, so please pray for protection for the farm team, Beto, and those who travel with Beto to the farm. Pray also for the people who live and work in the area.

3. Please pray that the Lord Jesus would continue to call persons to work with Beto in the ministry. As the number of groups grow, we need more dedicated mentors to lead them.

4. Jacson Perez was beginning to disciple the farm team and some people in the Pachucutec community, but it wasn't a good fit for us or him, so please pray that God will call another person or couple to disciple there.

5. There have been more cases of dengue and malaria in the jungle in the area around the farm, so please pray that God will protect all the farm workers there from getting these diseases.

6. Adela was a sweet lady and leader who has worked with us for years in Chongas Bajo in discipleship, and when we conducted two medical campaigns there, she helped us. Unfortunately, recently, she passed away from cancer, so please pray that God will comfort her family.

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 Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, and their family, who 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. We were working on raising funds for the Peru portion of the ministry for 2023 which is \$69,000. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have received 71.5% of this need. Any financial help you could give us, either as a one-time 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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