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"And so I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus."
Philippians 1:6 (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.

In January, we were privileged to participate in a wedding for one of our strongest workers, Edith Romero. She married Efraín Ramirez, who is from Huancavelica, and Pastor Alberto Fernandez shared a devotion during the wedding. It was a very pretty wedding in a Pentecostal Church, and we were the godparents of the couple. Generally the godparents of the couple are special to them in some way, and mainly their responsibility is to pray for the couple and to be the witnesses that sign the marriage certificate. Sometimes they also have the responsibility of paying for the wedding, but we didn't have to do that. For a long time, Arthur and Pastor Alberto have wanted to start discipleship groups in Huancavelica, but they didn't have a good contact to help them, but Edith is very strong in discipleship and has led many discipleship groups in Canta for years. Edith and Efraín are going to live in Huancavelica, and if it is God's will, they will begin doing discipleship groups there. We praise God for what He is doing in the lives of Edith and Efraín, and that He has given us a way to begin discipleship in Huancavelica.

Please pray that God will lead Edith and Efraín to people who will be open to study the Bible with them, and that they will adjustment quickly to being married.

Mary Alice and Arthur with Edith and Efraín at their wedding.

We conducted two leadership workshops in Huancayo this month, as well. In the first workshop, there were many young women that participated. One afternoon everyone really felt the presence of the Holy Spirit as they were discussing baptism and what it means. Rocio Claudio had been dedicated as a baby, but she felt like God wanted her to be baptized as an adult, so Pastor Alberto and Arthur baptized her in our living room. She is a part of Arthur's Friday night discipleship group and a teacher in the Kid's Club; several times she has given powerful testimonies about how God has helped her during her life. She is also correcting the new Kid's Club lessons that Mary Alice has written recently. Please pray that God will continue to guide Rocio in everything that she does and that she will continue to grow in Him as well as the other participants that were in the leadership workshop.

Level I workshop participants: Back left to right: Alberto, Veronica, Rocio (baptized), Erma, Rocio, Milagros, and Tañia. Front left to right: Julie, Susy, Jhoana, and Yerson.

The second leadership workshop was a higher level of discipleship training, for those who are mentoring mentors. More men participated in this workshop than the other one. Many came from different denominational and religious back grounds, which made for very good conversations and exchanges over the Biblical topics studied from Corinthians.

Level II workshop participants: Back left to right: Bernedino, Maximo, Pedro, Darwin, Fernando, Jorge, Alberto, Benjamin, and Braulio. Front left to right: Flor, Veneranda, Alejandra, Ayde, Lucia, Milka, and Amy.

In addition, Pablo Paredes came to our house in January to help Arthur work on the machine. Pablo and Ivan helped Arthur take the machine apart, and paint it. Arthur is put it back together, and Pablo began learning how to use it. Unfortunately they ran out of time and will start again in mid-March. Arthur will continue to work on the instruction manual for the machine. They made a lot of progress on the machine, so we praise God for that. Please pray that God will continue to help them finish the machine as fast as possible.

Ivan preparing the bottle machine parts for painting.

We are very thankful to the Lord Jesus because He has provided a nice park for us to have the Kid's Club in Pichcus. The municipality approved our request to use El Parque de la Juventud, or the Park for Youth, each Saturday for the Club. We are excited because it gives us an opportunity to witness to other people in this area. Please pray that the people in this area will enjoy having us in the park and will not cause any problems for us, and that more children and adults can come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for your prayers for Mary Beth, Oscar, and Dominic. We can already see that God is working in Mary Beth's life. They are working on getting Dominic's U.S. citizenship now. We appreciate all the encouraging e-mails that we received from many of you. Please continue to pray for them and that each decision that they make will be in God's will.

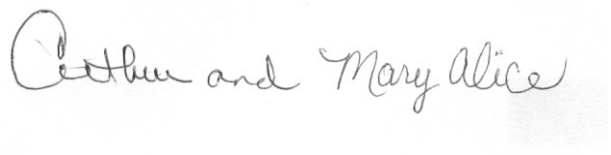
Also, please pray that God will heal Milca, who is one of our strong prayer warriors. She has been diagnosed with several cysts on her ovaries and is taking medicine so that they will go away. Please pray that God will heal her completely as fast as possible.

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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