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***“While he was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife. For it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus- because He will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:20-21.***

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.

December was a really fun month for us. Pablo Paredes was here part of the month helping Arthur advance the development of the plastic bottle making machine. During the time that Arthur and Pablo were working, Manuel Villar came to visit and spent two days fasting and praying for us. During this time Pablo and Arthur achieved success and actually produced the first bottles. The machine still needs to be perfected. The ability to make plastic bottles will increase the productivity of the soft drink plant in Puerto Bermudez which will provide support for the ministry in this area of the jungle. If this process is successful, they may start a soft drink plant in the area of Iscosazin to support the ministry in that area. Please pray that God will give Pablo and Arthur the ability to perfect the plastic bottle machine, so that more Peruvian sourced support will be available to cover the costs of the ministry.

With each success comes attack from the enemy to try to discourage us and steal our joy. Unfortunately, after the success with the bottle machine, Paola Paredes, Pablo's daughter, was raped in their hometown in Puerto Bermudez. Please pray that God will heal her heart and the hearts of her parents, Pablo and Floria, and her family from this tragedy. Also, please pray that

the police will be able to find the man that raped her, and for Jesus to work in his life to free him from the stronghold of Satan in his life.

Pastor Alberto conducted the second meeting for the Discipleship Group Leaders in Huancayo. The Peruvians seem to think that these meetings are very valuable; the majority of them were on time, which is extremely unusual for the Peruvians. One brother even showed up an hour early. The discipleship ministry has grown to involve approximately 2200 personas, and some of our first groups are finishing the two and a half year process. Please pray that God will continue to provide wisdom and guidance for these leaders in their Discipleship Groups, and that the vision planted in the persons that are finishing the study will blossom and produce fruit for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.



Some of our discipleship leaders: (left to right) Sharon, Betty, Pedro, Benjamin, Veneranda, Carmen, and Máximo

God really blessed us this month in a special way, because our son Benjamin came and visited us. It was great to see him and have fellowship as a family. Christmas Eve we conducted an evangelism event in which everyone praised and danced as they celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ. Benjamin joined in with the praise band again, giving us great joy to see the original group together again praising the Lord Jesus. Many people came and enjoyed worshiping God. Of course, everyone ate Paneton and hot chocolate after the event.

We are still going to the park downtown to evangelize, and we praise God because people are continuing to give their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. In addition, each person that is learning to evangelize is improving, and is sharing more of the gospel presentation each week. We hope to begin visiting and evangelizing the parents of the children in the Kid's Club after the holidays. Please pray that God will give the parents open hearts to listen to a gospel presentation and receive the Lord Jesus Christ. Please also pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit to find a way to positively encourage these new believers to participate in the discipling process.

Pastor Alberto, Willy, Benjamin, and Arthur began a Bible study with the guys that shine shoes in the park downtown. Recently, five of them gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, and they wanted someone to come and teach them about Jesus. Some of these young men fight addictions to drugs and alcohol. During their meeting, the local park security wanted to throw them out of the park (it is not legal for them to do this). Since this was not appropriate, Arthur asked Ricardo to follow up with the local police chief. The police chief confirmed our right to meet, but even better began to ask about God. Ricardo was able to share with him, and he wants to know more and wanted our first discipleship book for himself and his men. Please pray that both of these ministries will grow.



Some of the Shoe Shine boys with Lauren Helveston.

The Kid's Clubs are still going well, and each of them celebrated the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ in a special way. Please pray that God will continue to give the teachers wisdom and guidance as they lead many precious children to a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.



Joshua and Joel (the clowns) and some of our children in the Kid's Club.

. 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 in the Canta Valley, Palcazu, Pelmaz, Bermudez, Shiringamazu, Villa América, Iscosazin, Huánuco, Panao, Molinos, Ambo, Acamayo, Tinahuani, Puno, San Martín de Pango, San Ramón, and Puente Paucartambo. Also, pray for the ministries in Huancayo, especially the Friday night Prayer and evangelism ministry, the Colegio El Camino and the Jesus Es El Maestro High School. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to awaken and change hearts among the young adults of Huancayo.

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 Reamer, and their families. All are missionaries with the TMS Global that currently or will soon be working in Peru. Pray also for Obed and Cynthia Alvarez, the head of NEWMA, as well as their other leaders and national missionaries. Please pray for our safety as we travel, and that we will boldly speak God's Word wherever we go.

We hope that each one of you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful God that loves us so much that He took our punishment that we deserve. 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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