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***“O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world!” Psalm 8:9
(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 February, Alberto, Ash, and Arthur worked together to lead the second missionary training class for this year. The group completed the classes on Christology and Evangelism this month. The next class will meet on March 13th. Please pray that God will provide everything that these people need in order to become more effective missionaries for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

February was a very emotional month for us- both a happy and a sad one. First of all, we had the privilege of attending the Asbury United Methodist Church Global Impact Celebration in Madison, Alabama. It was interesting to hear about what God is doing in different parts of the world. It was a huge blessing for us, because all the people in the church cared for us and showed us how much they loved us. Also, we really enjoyed the worship and prayer at different times during the week. We stayed with a very special couple from the church, Susan and David Elder, who really showed us what it means to be a servant of Jesus, and they encouraged us a lot during our short time with them.



Our hosts at Asbury United Methodist Church in Madison, Alabama
David and Susan Elder

Friday and Saturday there were many classes that we could choose to attend and learn more about various Christian themes. Friday Arthur shared a session on the Discipleship and Advancement of the Gospel in Peru. Sunday morning we shared with a Sunday School class about our calling and what God is doing in Peru now. We praise God for giving us this opportunity to be refreshed, and for providing us with such wonderful individual supporters and with such wonderful supporting churches.

Also we were especially blessed to visit with our sons, Benjamin and Joshua, and Arthur's mother, Mildred, and brother, Joel, during part of our time in the states. Arthur, Mary Alice,

Benjamin and Joshua went to Clayton, Georgia for one weekend and hiked at Tallulah Gorge and Panther Creek. It was really fun, but we were sad to leave them. The boys are ok, but still are struggling trying to adjust to living in the states. Please pray that God will help them find true Christian friends and that He will protect them from temptation. Although it was not the exact date, we also celebrated Mary Alice's and Mildred's birthdays.



Left to Right: Joel, Arthur Mildred, Benjamin, and Joshua

On a sad note, Arthur's aunt, Betty Claxton, had been sick with lung cancer since January of this year. Right after we arrived in the states, we went to the hospital in Tifton to see her, and she was improving. Later on in the week, her condition got worse, and on February 27th, she went to be with the Lord Jesus. She was a single lady who taught accounting at University of ABAC in Tifton. She was dearly loved by all her nieces and her nephews, and was like a mother to all of them. Please pray that God will give His comfort and peace to all of Arthur's family, and especially for Mildred and Bashi who are the last two living siblings of Betty.

Willy is a Catholic man who Arthur led to the Lord Jesus, and has studied with us in a discipleship group. He now helps Arthur disciple the Shoe Shine boys in the park downtown. If you have been to Peru, Willy is one of the waiters at the restaurant Caramba's in Huancayo, where many of our teams have a meal. He still attends a Catholic church, and although he doesn't agree with all of the teachings there, he feels like God wants him to stay in that church.

We would really like to begin discipleship among Catholic groups as well, so Arthur and Willy made an appointment to talk with the priest of Willy's church to see if he had any interest in studying with them. He was not very open, but Arthur gave him the first six books that we use in discipleship. Please pray that God will touch the heart of this priest, so that he will be open to read these books and accept our invitation to join us in the discipling process.

In January, we were informed that the Peru ministry support would be reduced by several of our supporters. We lost almost 25% of our financial support in one month. We know times are hard economically, but we need your help to overcome this loss and continue with the ministry here. If we cannot replace this lost income by the end of April, we will have to begin to close some of the ministries here. It doesn't take much to help. If everyone who receives this newsletter that does not already help us financially, would consider giving \$10.00 or \$20.00 per month, we could make up this loss quickly. Please consider helping us with the Peru ministry in this way. You can give by going to the following links:

<https://tms-global.org/give>

For giving Missionary support please use the "Give to Missionary" form and specify the 4 digit code 0254 or the name, "A Ivey".

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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, Puerto 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 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 Reimer, Tim and Jennifer Goshorn, and their families. All are missionaries with 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 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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