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**“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because he sent me to provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.”  
Isaiah 61:1 and 3. (The 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!

We would like to share another story of how God is changing Peruvians’ lives here. Joel is the oldest child of Valentino Varo and Sandra Moran. Joel studied in Lima, and that is where he came to know his wife, Lidia. Before the pandemic, they decided to move to La Merced, because Joel wanted to be near his family. The city of La Merced is in the upper jungle and is about four hours from Huancayo. Unfortunately, during the pandemic, his father, Valentino, passed away from having Covid-19. This circumstance weakened Joel’s faith a little, but in spite of his sorrow, he was faithful to the Lord Jesus. He recognized that God was the one who was holding him up and giving him strength. He didn’t try to understand why it happened; he just trusted God and lived for Him during the new season of his life as a father and husband.



Joel, Lidia, and their son.

Now, Joel is very involved in the ministry, serving and learning how to disciple people, especially youth. Joel and his wife enjoy serving the Lord in the church in La Merced. Joel opened his own business and works there during the week.

We had the privilege of hosting a three-day retreat for some Peruvians this month in our house. Bekah Baxter and Casey Bloom work with Chosen Vessels, which is an organization that cares for missionaries and their families. There were eleven people who attended this retreat, including Joshua, Rocio, Beto, Arthur, and Mary Alice. Each of us shared how we came to know Christ, which is always very encouraging. Bekah and Casey taught us how to prevent burnout in our lives as missionaries and the importance of resting on the Sabbath. We were encouraged to identify things that cause stress in our lives and were told some resources to help with stress. Also, we were taught about the importance of grieving our losses and giving them to God, because he wants to change our ashes into a crown of beauty, our mourning into the oil of joy, and our desperation into a garment of praise. In addition, we learned a couple of ways to study the word of God, by asking and answering several questions about a passage of Scripture and by interpreting a picture. It was great to be with Peruvians again! Many of our leaders will benefit from this training by participating and learning about the importance of self-care.



From left to right back row: Raul, Arthur, Kely, Bekah, Beto, Joshua, Miguel  
Left to right front row: Robbyn, Mary Alice, Antonella, Rocio, Casey  
Not pictured: Sandra

Bernabé and his children, Sethi and Jainer, as well as Carmen and Gilberto visited all these native Ashanaka communities on their missionary trip: Pamakiari, Cutivireni, Tincareni, Pajonal, Tsiapo and Yoyato. Please pray that the people in these communities will continue to grow closer and closer to Christ.



Group in Pamakiari

Beto visited many brothers and sisters in La Merced, and he went to Antonio's farm. Antonio is a leader there who has had a lot of difficulties sustaining his family's needs. After a lot of work, he has begun growing cherry tomatoes in Pampa Americana, and Beto spent some time praying with him. Antonio is Alan's brother, who owns the hotel where Beto stays a lot when he is on his way to the farm in Pachucutec.

William and Marjori, a couple who live near the farm, have become more involved in helping us with the farm. William goes to buy the needs of the farm team in San Martin de Pangoa, like fertilizer for the cacao, gas, and other needs for the farm activities. Marjori lives in San Martin, and lets the farm team keep the things that they buy at her house until William is able to take them to the farm. Praise God for this couple's help.



William and Marjori

The farm team is about finished with the construction of the new dryers and fermenter for the cacao. They will be planting four more hectares of cacao, as well as caring for the existing cacao during October. Manuel is taking care of the remaining three hectares of coffee until the next harvest. There have been three harvests of bananas, and the price is still .60 soles per kilo. The bananas will be harvested every week for the next two years.

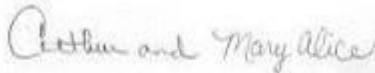
### **Prayer Requests and Praises for October**

1. Please pray for spiritual protection from Satan's attacks for Beto, Mary Alice, Arthur, Joshua, and Rocio, as well as our other leaders. In our household in Peru, many nights it has been very difficult to sleep.
2. Thank you for your prayers for Mateo, Beto's son. Praise the Lord because his attitude is improving. He has changed schools and is seeing a counselor to help him with his rebellion and to help him stay free from drug use. Please continue to pray that God will free him completely and give Beto wisdom to deal with him.
3. Please pray that God will give his comfort and love to the family of Sandra Moran. During the retreat here with Bekah Baxter and Casey Bloom, her sister passed away from liver cancer.
4. Praise God that Irma and Hugo, the leaders of a small church in Jauja have begun the follow-up for some of the people who came to the medical campaign there. Please pray that God will give them His favor in the visits that they make and that many people will be interested in forming a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus.

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 are working on raising funds for the Peru portion of the ministry for 2024 which is \$69,000. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have received 77.3% 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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