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## **ADAMS FEBRUARY, 2008, UPDATE**

**“My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to Your Word! When I told of my ways, You answered me; teach me your Statutes! Make me understand the way of Your Precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. My soul melts for sorrow; strengthen me according to Your Word! Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me Your Law! I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set Your Rules before me. I cling to Your Testimonies, O LORD; let me not be put to shame! I will run in the way of Your Commandments when you enlarge my heart!**

**Psalm 119:25-32 (ESV)**

**Dear Friend in Christ,**

We greet you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we thank Him for your partnership in Gospel through your prayers, faithful giving, and many other acts of kindness and encouragement that are used of the Lord to enlarge our hearts.

Thank you for praying for Earl as he traveled to Cusco, Peru for a time of renewal, fellowship with other MTW Hinterland missionaries working in Peru, and some special times of prayer and fellowship. It was just wonderful to see how the Lord has proven Himself so faithful to so many there, and to see also how the Lord is continuing to build His church in Peru through those who are serving Him faithfully there. What a blessing to see some of those kids who were converted years ago growing so strong spiritually and using the gifts that God has given them to worship Him and minister to others in His Name. It was also wonderful to see our dear friends, Juan and Casiana Olivera and their daughter, Flor, again. We thank the Lord so much for a servant like Juan. He was used so much by the Lord to come alongside us and be so faithful in the work in every way. May the Lord be pleased to raise up more humble, servant-hearted men like Juan to minister to His Church in every place.

It was a time also for Keith Powlison to get to know Boris, the Bolivian pastor who went with me, and vice versa. Boris is heading up the work in Bolivia that was started by the Brazilian Presbyterian Church some years ago, and we are looking forward to having a good working relationship in Bolivia in the future. One of their other pastors, Rene, is now helping me in the Quechua work in Bolivia.

On another note, we want to ask for your continued prayers for Marybeth Sewell, our step-granddaughter, who was very seriously injured in an automobile accident on Valentine's Day while on the way to school. The young man with whom she was riding was killed instantly and Marybeth nearly lost her life. However, the Lord has truly done a wonder in sparing her life and now with His most evident Divine intervention is

restoring her to health. We praise His Holy Name! This has been quite a trial for our son-in-law, Keith, and our daughter, Lani, so thanks for your prayers for them.

We would also ask you to pray for Earl's brother, Randy, who has been diagnosed with throat cancer and is to begin treatments at the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham this week. It is a Stage 3 out of a Stage 4 cancer, but we are asking the Lord to spare Him and heal Him from this cancer. May the Lord use all of these trials and afflictions in our lives to draw us closer to Him. We continually recognize our weakness and need to depend completely on the Lord in all things and in every moment. We would appreciate your prayers for Earl's sister, Angie, during these trying times as she is the caregiver for Mom Adams and now for Randy. May the Lord be pleased to strengthen her as she so cheerfully and knowledgeably waits upon them.

Please pray for Earl's physical strength as he continues to have problems with his feet, knees, back, and shoulder.

Carla celebrated her 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday on February 18<sup>th</sup>, and we do thank the Lord for her presence in our family and for His Presence in her life. She made the cheerleading team, and she is taking art classes every Saturday from a Bolivian art teacher, who is helping her a lot. She is also taking some extra Spanish outside of class. She is a very dear and sweet girl. Thanks for keeping her in your prayers.



Rosie is doing well as she looks after the family so well and brings order to our household. She is such a blessing!

These are days in which there are a lot of frustrations in the work, as it is hard to maintain consistency as there are times when the Quechua pastor is not able to go with Earl, and that is disappointing. Please pray for the Lord to provide a Quechua co-laborer who will have much more time to dedicate to the work among the Quechuas, and that the Lord will be pleased to start a lasting work in Larat'i and in Bella Vista. We know that it will take the power of the Living God to do this, and that is why we are counting on Him and not on ourselves.

Thank you again very much for praying, praying, praying!!! God helps those who call upon Him, and we surely do need His help.

**“Now to Him Who is able to strengthen you according to my Gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed, and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith---to the Only Wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen. Romans 16: 25-27 (ESV)**

Your friends in Christ,

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■ Keith and Ruth Powlison graciously invited many of those we knew when we were in Cusco to attend a supper while Earl was there. Juan Olivera is standing next to Earl in the back row. What a blessing!!