

Dear Faithful Warriors,

We would like to begin this letter to you in the same way that Paul began his letter to the Colossian's. To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are all over the United States; Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints.

We are so humbled to know that you are there praying for us and supporting us in so many different ways. You may not know it, but God has used you to keep us pressing on when at times we have felt like giving up. We often do not realize how our life affects the lives of others in a ripple kind of pattern, but the results, although to us they may not be visible, are enormous. You are the tangible evidence that God is caring for us. All we can say is thank you for being obedient and faithful to Him. You are a huge blessing to us.

This past month seems to have gone by quickly, but then they all seem to. I think the biggest lesson God has been teaching us recently is to be flexible and trust that He is here and at work. This has been especially evident as short-term teams from the States have begun arriving in earnest. Getting the materials we need when we need them is often a challenge here. Even just transporting people can get to be a challenge. A few days ago we had some extremely dense fog and heavy clouds coming down over the mountains and we actually even had some snow (which is pretty unusual as this is supposed to be dry season) and the combination actually shut down the airport here and in Lima. Well, we had a group waiting to leave here and a group in Lima trying to get here and they had to stay in their respective places for two days until the airports were opened again. Of course there were several ways to deal with the situation and our North American mindset is always to try to do something to get moving, but in this case that was useless because there were no other options. The other more difficult method is to just wait and trust God and try to see His hand and what He is doing in the situation, usually to teach us something.

It was our anniversary on the 22nd and so we took a little time out (thanks to Rachel and Corby who came and played with the girls) and went hiking to some ancient ruins above a town called Pisac. We hiked from about 9,600 feet to 11,000 feet and were able to overlook what is called the Sacred Valley and the Urubamba River. It was spectacular! It was also just a good time to get away from it all for a few hours. Larry bought some bells that are normally for hanging around the necks of llamas and put them in Sandy's backpack so he would know where she was at all times. Actually, he joked with the ladies in the market that she was his pack-llama. They really got a kick out of that.

That same day was one of the biggest festival days here called Inti Raymi when the people re-enact the Incan rituals to celebrate the winter solstice. Thousands of people (mostly walking) went up outside of Cusco to a place called Sacsaywaman where there are some Incan ruins and celebrated all day and into the night. In June there were many festivals celebrating and worshiping many of the saints with parades, parties and even fireworks. Our church dedicated the month to teaching and preaching on idolatry. It is very sad to see so many people in bondage to these types of empty traditions and rituals. The good news is that there is hope in Jesus Christ and that we can share that hope with the people here. We certainly have many opportunities to do just that.

Thank you again for sharing your love for the Lord by loving us so well.

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PRAISES:

- Continued safety and good health.
- For Corby and Rachel Shields, who were here for 5 weeks and were a huge encouragement and help.
- That we have found a house in Huaraz.
- For 19 years of marriage.
- For a great conference that Larry was able to attend on the topic of Christ Centered Worship and Preaching.
- For the love of Christ that we experience through each one of you.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (there is one for each day of the month)

1. As the glow wears off of the newness and excitement of being here, culture shock really sets in. Please pray that as we each face this in our own different ways that we would not shut each other out, but that we would have open and honest communication with each other and with God.
2. Please pray for Larry as he fights a lot of congestion especially at night. It really effects his ability to sleep well which effects everything else.
3. A continuing request for Lynae and Mackenzie would be that God would provide both American and Peruvian friends for them. They still feel very isolated at times.
4. Happy 4th of July!!! The girls and I will be sharing the fourth with some of our team members and a group of doctors from the US who are here to serve the Quechua for the next few weeks. Remember to pray for our country today especially for our President and other leaders. Also our troops that are serving around the world.
5. Larry will be in Lima until the 8th meeting to discuss and learn more about training and discipling nationals to plant churches and also disciple their own people. Please pray that God would use this to clarify and put feet to the vision He has given us for the Quechua.
6. Please pray that the relationships on our team would grow in love and that this love would be a testimony of our relationship with God to the nationals we serve with, as well as to the community.
7. We attend a church with mainly Quechua people and it has been a great blessing. We are so thankful that we can understand the language (Spanish) now which makes a huge difference. Please pray for this body as they grow spiritually that God would give unity and a spirit of love so that the community would see Christ and be drawn to Him.
8. Please pray that Sandy would be obedient to Ephesians 5:22-24 and that Larry would be obedient to Ephesians 5:25-28.
9. Please pray that we would grow in the 1 Corinthians 13 type of love for one another.
10. James 1:5 tells us to ask for wisdom. Please pray that as Larry is faced with decisions regarding the purchase of a vehicle and various ministry opportunities that God would give him the discernment to make wise decisions.
11. We are continuing to homeschool through the summer as it gives some routine to our days. Lynae has just begun 6th grade and Mackenzie 2nd. Please pray that as they study that God's greatness would be revealed to them and that they would desire to do everything as unto Him.
12. Keith and Ruth Powlison (our team leaders) and their son, Brian (13), have just taken in a baby girl named Elena whose parents did not want her. She was born on June 24th. Please pray for their adjustment to this new addition to their family and that God would be at work in the lives of her birth family.
13. A team from our home church, Friendly Hills in Greensboro, NC will be here until the 22nd. Please pray that this trip will have an eternal impact on the lives of the Quechua, as well as in the lives of the team.
14. Please pray Colossians 3:16 for each of us. This verse says, "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one

- another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God."
15. Forgiveness is such an important part of any relationship, but even more so within a family. Please pray that we would keep short accounts with each other and forgive quickly and completely.
 16. These days of transition here in Cusco are difficult as Larry is doing many things not related directly to ministry but more of the mundane and everyday tasks. Please pray that God's Spirit would sustain and encourage him with joyfulness and the knowledge of His presence in the midst of the mundane.
 17. Today is Mackenzie's 7th birthday! Incredible! Please pray that she would grow daily in her love and trust for God.
 18. Please pray Proverbs 25:11-12 for Lynae that when she speaks it would be in the right circumstances and that when she has a reproof to make (usually to Mackenzie) it would be wise.
 19. Final funding is still needed for Mission to the World to purchase the Wycliffe Center in Huaraz to be used as a training center for Quechua pastors and leaders. Please pray God would provide the remaining \$135,000.
 20. At the church we attend there is a group of 5 young men being disciplined and trained. Please pray for protection from the evil one, moral purity and faithfulness in the work to which they have been called.
 21. Philippians 4:11 says, "Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am." Please pray as the culture shock really sets in that we would allow God to teach us how to be content and rely more heavily on Him on those days that are a struggle.
 22. Larry has begun to learn some Quechua phrases and greetings and takes every opportunity to use them. Please pray that God would continue to enable him in this as he has a great desire to be able to share the gospel with the Quechua in their heart language.
 23. Please pray that God would be preparing mates for the girls even now.
 24. With many teams coming this month and next, please pray for good health and safety for everyone as they are traveling and involved in doing construction and ministry among the Quechua.
 25. There is a mission church called Emmanuel that meets in the basement of our house that is in the process of waiting for some legal difficulties to clear up before they can move into their permanent building. Please pray that God would resolve this situation in a way that would give Him the most glory.
 26. Please pray that our individual times in the word of God would bear much fruit in our lives and that we would be diligent in our study.
 27. Please pray Ephesians 6:4 that God would strengthen Larry to not provoke his children to anger but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
 28. We thank God for Heber and Marcelina, a Peruvian couple, who are in Huaraz working. A small group has begun to meet for Bible study. Please pray that God would strengthen them in this work.
 29. Until August 21st there will be short-term teams coming, at times overlapping each other. Please pray that God would be at work in the lives of these team members to call them to a deeper relationship with Him, some to full-time ministry, or even possibly to serve Him on the foreign field.
 30. We continue to make many mistakes in our Spanish but thanks be to God we are improving a little more every day. Please pray we would not settle for mediocrity in this, but that God would grant us stamina to press on toward excellence and clarity in our speech.
 31. As we reach the end of another month, please do not forget to continually be praying for safety in our travels and continued good health.

We love you all!!!