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Dear Faithful Warriors,

Greetings from Lima, Peru! We are on our way to our final destination of Huaraz. We should arrive there by September 4th, Lord willing. We have learned a lot about that little phrase "Lord willing" during the last month. We have been very blessed to be able to purchase a vehicle in the last three weeks, however, it has taken all of that time to get all the paperwork in order and get new tires before we could leave Cusco. We have seen that our plans and our timing are not always the Lord's and we must just trust Him in all these things. One example is that we had finally found the tires we needed, however they were in Lima, so we arranged to have them flown to Cusco and a friend was finally able to get them to the airport to go out the next morning. However, even though it is dry season and not supposed to rain, we awoke the next morning to rain and very low cloud cover so that no planes could fly into Cusco that whole day. Thankfully, they were able to come the next! day and we were on our way, but it was just another way in which we saw our need to trust God's plans and His timing for our departure.

In the book, 'Fire in Their Bones' by Gordon and Geneva Christensen (missionaries for 40 years in Africa) was the following quote:

"There will be trials of all kinds. Financial problems, you'll reach the end of your resources financially. You will have people who will try to put curses on you. You'll have all that. But in the midst of it all, the trials do not make or break you, they simply reveal what Christ has worked into you. So the big thing is to work into yourself through the Word, and prayer, and every means available - work the godly fabric into your life, so when the trials come, they will reveal what God has worked in you."

We are definitely learning this as we continue to move toward ministry in Huaráz. There have been many frustrating delays, stress-filled days, communication breakdowns, paperwork hassles, and the list could go on and on. Through all of this we have seen our weakness and sinfulness and our overwhelming need for our Savior. We have also seen on a large scale the faithfulness of our God and His love for us when we are so unlovable. How grateful we have been for His constancy and steadfastness in the midst of never ending change, disruption and uncertainty.

So let us challenge you with this thought, what are the trials you are facing revealing about what Christ has worked into your life? How are you responding? We pray that they drive you closer to your Savior and that you grow in your faith as a result.

Thank you so much for standing with us through your prayers and financial support. We can't emphasize enough how vital you are to our pressing on to the goal God has set before us. Seeing the laurel leaf crowns worn by the medal winners at the Olympics has reminded us once again that we are all involved in a race which we need to run with diligence to the very end in order to receive our imperishable crown in heaven. We know that by praying and supporting each other in other more tangible means we encourage one another to press on to the higher calling that we each have in Christ Jesus. So press on brother and sister!

We love you all.

Larry, Sandy, Lynae and Mackenzie

P.S. We don't know our mail address or phone number yet, but you can always write us by e-mail at Lrockwell@mtwsa.org

PRAISES:

- For God's provision of a vehicle.
- For your steadfast prayers that have enabled us to keep going during these hectic, stress-filled days of transition. Please don't stop.
- For our good health and safety throughout our long travels.
- For good friends who have helped us with all the details of purchasing the vehicle, a place to stay during our transition time in Lima, getting all the necessary purchases made, caring for the girls so we could complete everything, etc., etc.
- For the completion of a encouraging, busy, productive summer hosting 15 short-term teams.
- For our family.

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

1. Please pray Philippians 2:2 for our marriage today.
2. Please pray for Lynae that her speech would be seasoned with salt (or should I say sugar).
3. Please pray Clossians 1:9-12 for Larry today that he would be filled with the certainty of God's will for his life.
4. The team in Cusco will be functioning minus 2 families and also our team leaders will be traveling a lot so please pray for Nathan, Laura, Norman and Tina as they carry on the work there.
5. Please pray for the girls to learn to trust God in all the uncertainties of life, especially in another culture.
6. Our team leaders, Keith and Ruth Powlison, are attempting to adopt a little Quechua baby. We are thankful that God provided a visa for them so that Elena can travel to the States with them over the next six months. Please pray that the rest of the paperwork goes through in a timely manner.
7. Continue to keep Larry in your prayers as we get settled in Huaráz and he begins making trips into the villages and building relationships with the Quechua.
8. We would like you to join us in praying for spiritual revival, first in our own hearts and then extending through our team relationships and flowing out to those in the church and surrounding communities where we are ministering.
9. That our home would be a refuge for our family and others filled with love, affection and respect in spite of all the stress we feel at times trying to adjust to another city in a different culture.
10. Please pray Hebrews 12:12-13 for our team that God would strengthen the knees that are weak.
11. That the girls would live at peace with each other according to Romans 12:18.
12. Moving into a new city and attending a new church is never easy. Please pray that we would have spiritual eyes to see God's footprints ahead of us preparing new relationships in the community around our house as well as within the church we will be attending.
13. We will be getting back into the routine of school. Please pray we would be faithful and diligent to do our best each day as unto the Lord.
14. The church that has been meeting in the basement of the house we were renting will be looking for a new meeting place this month. Please pray for wisdom for the leadership, the needed resources and most of all that God would use this time in the life of this body to grow their faith and demonstrate to them His trustworthiness.
15. Please pray that God would give us each hearts that are content.
16. We already know that people are always watching us. Please pray that they would see the love of Christ in us and would desire to know us and Him.
17. The girls have done terrific during all our travels and are excited about settling down into one place for a while. Please pray that God would give them a great sense of security and His comfort.

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18. As we settle into the community of Monterrey and get involved in the life of the church in Huaraz please pray that we would be sensitive to what God is already at work doing there and how He would have us be involved in His work there.
 19. Please pray James 3:13-18 for our family, that we would each seek the wisdom that comes down from above which is pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable (willing to yield), full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering and without hypocrisy.
 20. The national couple that we are working with in Huaraz will need to locate new housing this month. Please pray for wisdom and God's provision.
 21. Peter and Gretchen Beck and their 2 daughters, Kendi and Kaylee, are currently in the US raising their support to return as career missionaries. Please pray for open doors for them to share the vision God has given them for the homeless children of Cusco.
 22. Our good friends, Frank and Suzanne Matthews are expecting their 3rd boy at the end of this month. Please pray for a safe delivery and that their twin 3 year olds will adjust well to this change in their family dynamic.
 23. Please pray Philippians 4:8 for us today.
 24. Please pray 1 Corinthians 1:10 for our marriage today.
 25. We will be having our first team in Huaraz of three doctors and 4 other non-medical people. Please pray for safety as we travel to several outlying villages to do clinics.
 26. Just as important as meeting the physical needs of the people is reaching out to their spiritual need. Please pray that God would enable this to happen as we minister with this team this week.
 27. Please pray that God would use the contact we make with this medical team to open more doors into these communities where we can build ongoing relationships and spread the gospel.
 28. Health problems can seriously cripple a short-term team, please pray that everyone remains healthy during their time here.
 29. The last few months have been extremely difficult and we have felt extremely spiritually dry at times. Please pray that God would water our souls with his Word by His Spirit.
 30. Pray that God would be our vision in all that we do.

Press on beloved. He loves you.