



Quechua Gazette

Heralding Christ To The Quechua – Rockwell's News, Praise & Prayer

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Huaraz, Peru



Dear Faithful Warriors,

We begin this month's letter by wishing you all a very joyous Christmas filled with the grace and hope that the birth of our Savior represents.

This past month has been a busy one. Larry has been getting a lot of projects done around our home and has also taken the opportunity to visit some of the surrounding villages and talk with the people. Here is an account of a contact he made with a Quechua gentleman named Cilio, who makes chairs out of Eucalyptus.

One day through our Lord's provision, Larry stopped at Cilio house. Cilio was outside carving spindles for future chairs. Larry's interest was not in the chairs but in the wood chipping. We could use the chipping for starting fires in our house, which gets very cold at times. In addition to buying the "kindling" wood Larry asked Cilio if he wanted to help him to build a fence. The fence is needed for a project that we started to help some of the Quechua raise healthier sheep.

Larry had also given him a single Bible story booklet that Wycliffe Bible Translators produced in Quechua. The day Larry picked him up to begin work on the fence, he asked if he had read it as it was in Quechua, his native and heart language. He replied "yes". Larry left it at that. After two days of working with Larry, Cilio asked, if Larry had any more of the Bible stories. Larry gave Cilio two more booklets. Then Cilio asked Larry for a Bible.

Larry could give Cilio a copy of the New Testament for free, but Cilio insisted on buying the complete Bible. We have several copies we have been using, that are for sale. Each bible costs about \$10 or 32 soles in the local currency. Now that may not seem like much, but in this culture the usual days wage is 20 soles. Larry gave him the Bible and Cilio said he would pay him the next day. Larry was trusting that he would indeed follow-up with the money. The next morning Larry drove to his house and Cilio meet him with the money in his hand. Please pray for Cilio, his wife, and their 10-year-old daughter. Pray for Larry as he begins to share the truth of God's word to him. He appears to be a very honest and humble man. Oh, that our Lord would call Him to Himself!

As we meet more and more people and hear their stories we are more than ever convinced of the need for solid Biblical churches and teaching. The strongholds of idolatry, immorality, alcoholism, dishonesty and deception are very evident all around us. We need to constantly remind ourselves that the battle is the Lord's and will not be won in our own strength but only in the power of His Holy Spirit working in the hearts of the people as we pray and teach.

Thank you so much for all your love, prayers and support during this past year. We can see very clearly how God has upheld us and strengthened us through you. May the coming year be one filled with the blessed assurance that our God is at work to complete His perfect will in all of our lives.

We love you all and miss you.

Larry, Sandy, Lynae and Mackenzie

LYNAE'S CORNER

Lynae has provided the following funny phrases and insights. This will help you get a "view" of what it's like way up here on top of the mountain. Well, hope you like it, and enjoy.

Funny Phrases

1. If a hot dog looks like dog guts it probably is.
2. You get used to getting off "rapido" on combis (translation - getting off of the little minibuses really quickly).
3. Geography is your favorite subject
4. Learning passed tense is a huge accomplishment
5. Jelly beans without bugs in them are a prized possession (just kidding that's in Africa)
6. You're always exhausted

Well, I hope you liked it! When I mentioned at the beginning the view from way up here on the mountain, I meant how we view things from here. If you're a Peruvian person that lives here, you probably would think the mountains were old and just a regular part of the scenery. If they looked down from their view on the mountains here to the U.S., they'd probably think the States looked new and interesting. For us, being from the U.S., we think the States are just regular landscape always meant to be there from the beginning of time. But when we look up the mountain and see Peru, we think it's a breath-taking landscape with interesting people. We also can see Peru as a heathen culture and a dangerous place, but when I look at the dirty faces of the Quechua children I feel like I was meant to be here all my life.

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PRAISES:



A little girl with her lamb.

- For Larry and Heber's trip to Colcabamba and safe return.
- Thanksgiving for a year that was full of transitions and that the Lord brought us through them all.
- For the love and support we receive from each of you in so many, many different ways. We are humbled and very undeserving.
- That Larry's allergies are somewhat improved.
- For our continued health and safety which we never take for granted.
- That Larry's sister, Sharon, is back at home following surgery for a ruptured appendix, blood clots in her lungs and pneumonia
- That we are getting more and more settled in our new home and community.



Larry with the people.

“...Feed my lambs...” Jn 21:15

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

1. For Cilio and his family.
2. Please pray continually for protection from the attacks of the evil one and that we would stand firm in the power of our God. (Eph. 5:10-24).
3. That as we expand the number of meetings we are having that we would continually wait on the Lord for direction and timing.
4. Every Saturday evening we have a group of children and young adults that meets in a town called Recuay about 30 minutes from Huaraz. Please pray that the seeds that are being planted in the hearts of these young people would bear much fruit, as recently there has been some opposition to their attending from the local Catholic church.
5. On Sunday afternoons we have a group that meets where Heber preaches in Quechua. Please pray for all of us as we try to preach and teach in languages that are not our first.
6. That our relationship with Heber and Marcelina would continue to deepen and that we would sharpen each other as iron sharpens iron.
7. Lynae and Mackenzie are beginning to make some Peruvian friends. Please pray that their Spanish will continue to improve in order that their times together won't be too frustrating.
8. Attitude is a major factor in how well our days go. Please pray Philippians 2:1-7 for us that we would follow Christ's servant example.
9. Rosa, a 12-year-old friend of the girls', is facing a lot of pressure from friends and from the officials at her school to conform to the teachings of the Catholic Church with regard to baptism and communion. We have met with her once and she is also in the Sunday School class that Sandy is teaching. Please pray that God's Spirit would use His word to reveal the truth to her.
10. Please pray Philippians 4:19 for us today that we would trust our Father to provide whatever we need – courage, strength, words to share the gospel, hope, etc.
11. There are several independent evangelical churches here in the Huaraz area and we hope to work in conjunction with them in order to take God's word into the surrounding villages. Please pray for wisdom as we make initial contacts in these churches.



Besides still waters.

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Lamas on the mountainside.

12. The stronghold of idolatry and spiritism here is incredible and very sad. It can be seen in the many shrines and festivals held to honor different saints and also in the shops that carry the things necessary to carry out their rituals and superstitions. Please keep us in prayer as we face attacks in all areas as we come against this darkness with the light of God's word.
13. School is going really well, although we each have our days when it is a struggle to stay focused. Please pray that God would give us an enthusiasm to learn and a desire to please Him in all we do.
14. Larry has been getting to know many people and has taken the opportunity to share why we are here and given out many tracts both in Spanish and Quechua. Please pray for these new relationships to deepen and grow in order that the gospel may be spread.
15. There is a custom here that for certain occasions like a wedding, a special anniversary or a baptism that the people select "padrinos" (something like a sponsor for them that many times involves some financial obligation). We have been asked twice already to fill this role mainly because we are gringos and have more resources. Please pray that we would make wise decisions regarding these types of things.
16. Lynae seems to be doing better physically, however, she continues with irrational fears about sickness and death that are very real to her. Please pray Proverbs 3:5-6 that more and more she would replace her fear with trust in the Lord.
17. Please pray that our relationship with the missionaries from other organizations and also with the other evangelicals would demonstrate the love of Christ to those around us.
18. That the Spirit would continually prompt us to pray – Psalm 138:3
19. The Sunday school class that Sandy is teaching will be presenting a little program for their parents and other adults. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would use this simple means to impact the lives of both the adults and the children.
20. Please pray I Thessalonians 2:7&8 for us today that God would continue to build in us this type of love and care for the Quechua.
21. We have all be troubled with nightmares and inability to sleep. Please pray that we would set our minds on the things above and the God would guard our hearts and minds so that we might rest well.
22. We never take being healthy for granted. Please continue to pray that God would protect our health.
23. We are surrounded by so much need that it is overwhelming. Ask God to reveal creative ways we can help people to help themselves.
24. Christmas Eve tends to be a bigger celebration here than Christmas Day. They stay up all night, eat a meal at midnight, open their gifts, and then have a big party the rest of the night with fireworks, music, drinking, etc. Please pray that in the midst of all of this, the true reason for their celebrating would penetrate their hearts – the birth of a Savior.
25. Merry Christmas!!
26. Carina is a 22 year old daughter of a woman in our group. Both mother and daughter recently accepted Christ, however, recently Carina moved to Lima in order to avoid an unhealthy relationship. Please pray for both she and her mother to grow in their faith.
27. Please pray Luke 22:32 for us that like Peter our faith will not fail as we go through trials and that our trust will stay firmly rooted in Christ.
28. Prayer for safety as we travel is a constant need.
29. We are blessed to have a couple, Brad and Laura Lindsey, whom we met in language school living on the same property with us. Please pray for them as they are expecting their first child in February.
30. Mackenzie is still struggling with keeping her emotions under control. Please pray for her in this area.
31. And so we come to the end of another year. May our faith and trust in our Lord grow more and more in the year ahead keeping our eyes on Jesus.

Larry, Sandy, Lynae & Mackenzie wish you and yours a HAPPY NEW YEAR