



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

The messengers of Christ to the Quechua

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Dear Faithful Warriors,

Psalm 89:8-9 says, "O Lord God of hosts, who is like Thee, O mighty Lord? Thy faithfulness also surrounds Thee. Thou dost rule the swelling of the sea; when its waves rise, Thou dost still them."

Isn't it comforting to know that God has everything under control and to be reminded of His faithfulness? We need this reminded daily and sometimes hourly.

Thank you for your prayers as we attended our Peru Area Conference. We were blessed with safety in all our travels, good teaching during the conference by George and Karen Grant. The girls also had a wonderful time being with other missionary kids. They spent every afternoon in the pool and shared some great times with Steve Dale, who has a specific ministry to MK's. Steve dealt with some issues that Lynae especially has been facing lately. God also answered your prayers with regard to the meetings we led without Heber. Larry has improved greatly. God has blessed Larry's teaching with fluidity and clarity. It was definitely a stretching time, but also a good time.



Unloading the Burro

Here is a word picture of our Thursday evenings meeting place, a cantina (bar). To enter the cantina off a main road, you descend four or five steps before coming to a sidewalk leading to the door. At the door you step down and duck your head to enter the room. Even Sandy has to duck; the opening is about five feet high. If it is daylight your eyes take a minute or so to adjust to the dimness. There are no windows and the only light enters through the door. Across the floor from the door is the bar. Behind the bar are several shelves with everything from vegetables, carbonated drinks, chichi-a fermented corn drink, an old doll, and a shrine to Mary. On the walls are posters of all types, some with pictures from other parts of Peru and other advertisements for beer companies with scantily clad women in them. Hanging from the ceiling is a dead bat. The bats end came when biting the owner's burro. The floor is cement. There are about 8 or 9 plain wooden chairs, a plank bench that sits about 8 inches off the floor and a couple of other low stools. We bring two additional wooden benches to accommodate all the people. It is not a very big room. When everyone is inside there isn't room to move around. During the study we usually hear little squeaking sounds from a back room. Sandy asked and was told that the noise was cuy, guinea pigs. Apparently they had just been fed. As you may or may not know, cuy are eaten here.

In spite of the surroundings, the people are eager to study God's word, this is great. Most don't own a Bible and have never actually read one for themselves. We bring Bibles for them to use during the study. Larry and Heber are helping them learn how to look up verses and read the truth for themselves. One man in particular is anxious for God to raise up an evangelical church in this community. It is a real blessing to hear him pray. He has a reverence, awe and earnestness in his prayers that is inspiring. The people range in age from 4 to 60, men, women, boys and girls, although usually only one or two men attend. We hope this little description helps you pray for us and for this group.

We are thankful to have so many of you standing with us in this ministry. When we think of the individuals and churches making up our support team we are humbled and awed by the vastness of our God's resources and care for us through each of you. We do pray for you, especially as you write and make us aware of specific needs. It is comforting to know that although we may be hundreds of miles apart we can always meet at the throne of grace. And so until such time as we meet there once again, please know that we love you.

Larry, Sandy, Lynae and Mackenzie

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- For each one of you that are so special to us.
- That Larry's dad is continuing to improve.
- For Larry's continued improvement in the language and that his teaching/preaching went well this last month.
- For the provision of two young men from Cusco that kept things going in the groups and stayed at our house in order for us to attend the conference.
- For safety as we traveled 9 hours to and from the conference.
- For God's footprints that we can see going before us.

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

1. Most Tuesdays we have a group of children from our community come over to play. Once we had 19, but most times it is from 2-10. Please pray for us as we develop this into a kind of backyard club with a Bible story and application along with the games.
2. This month we will be having our first training seminar on the 19th with local pastors and leaders. Please pray for Heber and Larry as they prepare for this.
3. Thursdays are when we hold the Bible study in the cantina. Please pray that God would raise up men to lead in this work and if it is His will to start a church there.
4. We continue to need prayer as we work together with Heber and the local pastors. Division has always been a problem and poor testimony. Please pray God's Spirit would bring unity and forbearance into the hearts of all.
5. Like most people we use Saturdays to catch up around the house. Please pray that these days would also be special family times.
6. We meet at 4:00 in the afternoon on Sundays in monterrey for a service with the adults and a Sunday school for the children. Please pray that God would bring change into the lives of each one that comes.
7. Please pray for renewed energy and enthusiasm as we start another week of school.
8. In James 1 it says that if we need wisdom to ask God who gives generously. Please pray for Larry as he needs wisdom to deal with the many varied decisions he is faced to make each day.
9. We have become involved in the life of a woman named Esperanza who recently committed her life to Christ. She has four children and has recently lost her only means of support. Please pray that during this time of trial her faith would grow. Also, that we could find ways to help for the long term without fostering dependence on the mission.



Soles and Seeds

10. Larry and Heber have shown the Jesus film in many little villages and there have been requests for more teaching. As we try to determine the best way to accomplish this please pray that God would guide and also raise up leaders in each of these communities.
11. During the rainy season there is more of a chance of rock slides on the roads. Please don't forget to pray for safety in our travels.
12. Lynae desires to be more actively involved in the ministry by reaching out to the younger children in our community. Please pray for God to continue stirring up her gifts as we discover new ways for her to use them.
13. Each day Larry and the girls have a time of memorizing scripture and Bible reading. Please pray for God to help Mackenzie with her memorizing as she has a bit of trouble in this area.

14. The need for learning Quechua is becoming more and more evident as we work further and further outside the city. Please pray God would provide tutors for Larry and Heber in the two dialects of Quechua that surround us.
15. Please pray that God would work in the hearts of MEN drawing them to Himself to be future leaders in the work.



Preparing to Plow

16. We continue to have the need to improve our fluency in Spanish, especially Sandy and the girls.
17. Please join us in praying about a school (Spanish speaking) that the girls could attend part time in order to improve their Spanish and to make some friends.
18. The Bible says that for lack of vision the people perish. Please pray that God would give us a clear vision of the needs here and His way to meet those needs.
19. Today is the pastors and leaders seminar. Please pray that it would be truly helpful to these men and that they would apply what they learn.
20. Nehemiah 4:20 says that "our God will fight for us." This was during the reconstruction of the walls of Jerusalem but it is also true for us today. Please pray we would rely more on God's Spirit and strength to fight the battles we face each day.
21. Pray that God would show us how to demonstrate to the girls the importance of their support role in this ministry.
22. Our friends and neighbors, Brad and Laura Lindsey, are in the States awaiting the arrival of their first child due any day now. Please pray for a safe and healthy delivery.
23. We are seeing more and more just how much the Quechua are in bondage to alcohol and calloused to the moral impurity that permeates their lives. Please pray God would open their eyes to see their bonds and change their hearts.
24. Please pray Hebrews 12:1-2 for all of us today.
25. Marriages seem to be the area that gets attacked most among missionaries. Please pray God would strengthen our marriage and also that we would be very diligent to work at communicating and keeping the love alive.
26. Please pray Proverbs 10:19 for Lynae and Mackenzie that they would learn to control their tongues especially with each other.
27. Please pray Colossians 4:12 that we may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.
28. Please pray that we would not lose heart in doing good so that in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. (Gal. 6:9)

Until next month, press on!! We love you.