



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

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Dear Faithful Warriors,

Grace and peace to each of you through our Lord Jesus Christ. This prayer calendar is for the next two months. Our dear friend that mails our prayer calendar will be out of the country during this time and so we are sending two months at once. This raises another issue, pressing the reply button from the prayer calendar email do not come directly to us but go the person who emails our prayer calendar. This means that she forwards it to us. It is best to send all e-mails to our address at LRockwell@mtwsa.org especially during the next two months, as she will not be able to forward them to us. Thanks a bunch!

We would like to take this time to say Happy Resurrection Day to all of you. The huge difference between Christianity and all other religions is that we serve a RISEN Savior. Hallelujah!! We have noticed that in most Latin American countries the emphasis during Holy Week is placed not on the resurrection but on Christ's death on the cross. They will celebrate Holy Thursday and Good Friday but after that it is business as usual with very little (if any) recognition given to the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is so very sad for us to see this. Please join us in praying that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead would open their hearts and minds to their need for a RISEN Savior who broke the powers of sin and death in order that they too may live with Him for eternity in heaven and also have this eternal hope in this life as well.



Heber our National co-worker (left) & Florencio one of the men who comes to our group Bible study.

This past month in Huaraz the people celebrated Carnival (a kind of anniversary celebration). This lasted about four weeks and included such things as children and young people standing along the streets with water guns,



La familia de Esperanza attends our group Bible study and Sunday Service here in Monterrey. Esperanza is a new believer since September. The LORD has given her much hope. She is a single mom with five children. Her Mother and Grandmother are in the picture. Her grandmother is now 93 years old and never misses a meeting. She has a heart of "gold"

buckets filled with water and water balloons to throw at people either walking or in cars. It became very interesting driving through town. If you had your window down and stopped at a stoplight there was a good chance that you would get wet. Also during this time they celebrate the festival of the crosses in which every community at some time during the four weeks will make a huge (about 8 or 9 feet tall) cross from wood and cover it with a special type of plant that looks like giant wheat and add some flowers for decoration. They will then carry it through the street with a band playing (usually a couple of huge drums and some flutes) while the people dance around it drinking their fermented corn drink (chicha) which basically leads to a drunken group of people weaving around in the middle of the road. This is supposed to bring good luck in the future.

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When we asked some of the people what the significance was of the celebration they didn't really know, they basically just thought it was tradition.

One other interesting experience was being stopped by a police officer on our last trip home from Lima. He asked the usual questions and wanted to see our documents for our vehicle and then told Larry he had been speeding. We hadn't been and Larry asked the officer how he knew what speed we had been going (they don't have radar guns here). He said that even though they don't have the technology here like in the US that we would have to turn around and go back to a town we had passed to pay a fine. He then began saying some things totally unrelated such as that he was hungry and thirsty. We finally caught on that he might like some of the drinks or food we had in the car. So Larry gave him our Ocean Spray Cran Grape Juice (he thought it was some kind of wine) and he let us go on our way. We were thankful that it only took some juice for us to be on the road again and hoped that he wouldn't communicate with any of his fellow officers down the road in order that they also could enjoy some our lunch. Thankfully they didn't and we arrived home without further incident. We are learning that traveling here is never a cut and dried affair and corruption is everywhere.

As we encounter many different circumstances we realize the need here is much greater than anything we can do in and of ourselves. We all know the driving force in these two examples is sin and the only remedy is the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can bring profound and enduring change to peoples hearts and minds, transforming individual lives which in turn effects their community and eventually their culture. Thank you so much for continuing to stand with us as we attempt to be channels for God's grace and truth to the people here.

We love and miss you.

"Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." 2 Corinthians 13:11

Larry, Sandy, Lynae and Mackenzie

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- For wonderful friends like each of you who made our Christmas so special.
- For the love and care we get from each of you in such a variety of ways.
- For our vehicle and our home.
- For so many evidences of God's protection while we have traveled.
- For the completion of one year in Peru as of April 5th.
- For God's enabling of Larry to teach with more and more fluidity in Spanish.
- For the completion of the first training session of local pastors and leaders on sermon preparation.
- That God's mercies and faithfulness never fail.

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Here are specific things happening on certain dates for the next two months.

- March 1-4** We will be having a visit from our Team Leader in order to help us work through some issues regarding the ministry here. Please pray for unity of mind and spirit.
- March 14-18** The girls will be taking their annual standardized tests.
- March 19-27** We will have a medical team of 5 doctors here. Please pray for the details in preparation, for the people we will see, for open doors into communities for continued ministry, for safety as we travel with them.
- April 5th** Our one year anniversary of being in Peru.
- End of April** Please pray for the safe return of our friends and neighbors, Brad and Laura Lindsey with their newborn.

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One for each day of the month

1. 1 Corinthians 16:9 says: *"For a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries."* This is so true here also. Please pray for us as we face these adversaries that come in so many different forms.
2. We had the privilege of attending a meal called a Pachamanca in one of the outlying communities where a small Independent Evangelical Church is located. A pachamanca is where a hole is dug in the ground and a fire is built within it. Rocks are then placed in the hole along with whatever food is to be cooked, usually potatoes, beans, meat (sometimes guinea pig, lamb, or chicken or sometimes all three) and possibly other vegetables. We had chicken. Please pray for the pastor and his wife of this small congregation that by God's Spirit our relationship would grow with them in order to encourage them and possibly provide mentoring and training in order that in the future they might send people out to other communities to begin churches.
3. Please pray that the truths of God's word that the girls are learning during Bible time with Larry would take deep root in their hearts and show evidence in their lives.
4. Please pray Ephesians 5:22-33 for our marriage.
5. Patience is a very necessary fruit of the Spirit for living and ministering here.
6. We have not yet decided about what we will do regarding the girls' need to improve their Spanish. We have looked at a couple of possible schools and are also considering a tutor. Please pray for wisdom in this.
7. As in all of our lives many things clamor for our attention. Please pray that we would be balanced in how we manage these things remembering that people are much more important than the tasks.
8. Please continue to pray for Heber and Marcelina as a couple and as parents to Caleb.
9. Please pray for those attending the Bible studies we are doing that the Holy Spirit would cause the gospel to bear fruit in their lives and that they in turn would tell others.
10. We have between 6-10 children coming each week to play at our house. We are beginning to incorporate Bible stories and discussions into these times. Please pray that their hearts would be gripped by the truth they hear and have an impact even into the years ahead.
11. Larry and Heber are continuing to pray through what direction and in what areas they should be involved. Please pray for one mind and unity of Spirit during their meetings and prayer times.
12. In the city of Huaraz and nearby villages there are a few small Independent Evangelical Churches, however, the pastors are mainly untaught and tend to be influenced by circumstances and emotion rather than solid Biblical doctrine. Please pray for wisdom on our part and openness on theirs regarding discipleship and training opportunities with close follow-up in order to help put into practice what is taught.
13. Some who come to the Bible studies are still caught in their old traditions and customs. Please pray that these bondages would be broken.
14. Please pray Proverbs 3:5-6 for us that we would put our confidence and trust in God and not in our own understanding.
15. When asking some of the women who attend Bible study why the men don't come we were told it was due to vanity and pride (machismo). Please pray that the Holy Spirit would move in the heart of the men and breakdown these barriers to the gospel in the hearts of the men.
16. Please pray that we would be diligent in prayer individually, as a couple and as a family.
17. Please pray Proverbs 23:22-23 for the girls today.
18. Don't stop praying for our protection as we travel. We have experienced God's hand keeping our vehicle on the mountains and know it is a result of your prayers.
19. We continue to pray and explore possible locations to meet for two of the Bible study groups. Please join us in this.



Children playing in the street.

20. As we go out with teams to the surrounding villages please pray God's protection on our health as we are exposed to varying illnesses.
21. We are continually faced with interruptions to our school schedule. Please pray that in spite of this the girls would be able to see the big picture of what they are studying.
22. A Christian man named Pedro, whom Larry and Heber met in one of their trips, is one of a just a few Christians in his community and desires to see a church begun there. Please pray for Pedro as Larry and Heber attempt to disciple him and see the Lord as to how to proceed in this community.
23. Please continue to pray for Cilio, the chair maker who spent his day's wages to buy a Bible that the Holy Spirit would use His word to draw him to Himself.
24. Almost every day we can hear the music of little local bands with drums and flutes playing somewhere on the surrounding mountains and the sound of the "bombas" (a loud booming firework kind of thing) they shoot off to commemorate some saint. During these times the people will carry the statue of whatever saint and dance and drink chicha (fermented corn drink) until pretty much everyone is drunk. Whenever we hear them we are praying that God would breath through their darkness and penetrate their hearts with His truth and love.
25. It seems the longer we are here the more we realize the need to keep working to improve our Spanish and the huge need we have to learn Quechua.
26. That our family would be strengthened through times in God's word, in prayer, in doing fun things together, in working together and in knowing we are all part of this ministry.



These young girls are part of the children's Sunday school with Lynae and Mackenzie. Not sure where Lynae's mind was when we took this picture

27. Please pray that Lynae and Mackenzie would be more forbearing with each other. Being together constantly tends to make them get on each others' nerves.
28. For special one on one times for the girls with each of us.
29. Requests are constantly being made to us for help in a variety of ways. Please pray that as a team we would be in agreement as to how to respond to each one.
30. There is much opportunity here for ministry but the workers are few. Please pray that God would raise up more people (in the US, as well as from among the people here) with a desire to serve the Quechua here in this area.
31. Please pray that each of us would be a channel of God's grace, living examples, to those we come in contact.

The knowledge of your love and support gives us encouragement and a steadying force that you will never know. We do not take for granted your love and support. We thank you and love you.