



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

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Dear Faithful Warriors,

Although it has been only two months since we last wrote, it seems much longer. This letter will attempt to bring you up to date on the work and our lives since we last wrote. First, let us give you our heartfelt thanks for standing with us and supporting us in a wide variety of ways. We are all aware that this work is God's and each one of us has our part to play carrying out His purposes in our lives and in this case His purposes among the Quechua people here in Peru.

In March we were blessed to have a medical team come for a week and although it was a rigorous time they were able to give medical help to several villages where we have been trying to make contacts. One of the Quechua villages for instance, three hours away on roads incredibly narrow on the side of a mountain, where almost all the people only spoke Quechua, there is a desire to have someone come and train one of their own people to lead Bible studies and possibly begin a church. They also served in four other villages among existing Evangelical groups or where a Bible study group is meeting and were able to talk with many people about their relationship with Christ and encourage them to seek out the pastor or leaders of these groups. It was wonderful to witness God calling some of these people to Himself during these times as well. Thank you so much for praying. We saw God's hand of protection in our travels, in all the details that came together and in the responses from the people that were ministered to.

A few days following the departure of the team we had to make a trip to Lima in order to get Larry's driver's license and the girls' resident visas. After two weeks, many delays, a trip to Bolivia, and many hours of waiting in various offices we were able to leave Lima with these two things accomplished. Also during our time there, the girls took their standardized tests. In the midst of these very full two weeks we needed to remind ourselves that God was in control of it all, including the delays, and we were grateful that He brought us through it all.

Just a couple of days after returning from Lima we received a call that Sandy's younger sister, Debbie, had committed suicide. Needless to say, this was a terrible blow. We want to thank so many of you who heard and have been praying. Please continue to pray for Sandy's family, especially her mom and older sister. Specifically, please pray that those that don't know Christ as their Savior would realize their need and surrender their lives to His loving will.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been blessed to have one of our Quechua friends from Cusco, Zosimo here with us. He is one of the young men that has been going to seminary in Lima and working with the church outside of Cusco where we attended when we lived there. He and Larry have been going out into the surrounding areas meeting new people, encouraging pastors of some of the small churches in the area, talking with other pastors and leaders who desire training and taking whatever opportunities present themselves to tell people about the gospel and our purpose in being here. He has been a real encouragement. We had many opportunities to discuss the reality of life here in Peru from a perspective of a Quechua young man. One of the



Quechua Girls

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shocking things we had not really understood even to this point is that the Quechua Pastors do not receive any form of income from the churches they Pastor. In most cases they do not even receive an offering. This has brought us to the attention that most if not all the Pastors who live in the Mountains are leading their churches voluntarily and has to work in their fields to survive. Therefore we are praying for wisdom in ways that perhaps these men could learn another trade that would provide them some form of income as a second vocation.



Quechua Boys

We are currently preparing for an intern who will be coming at the end of May. Amanda Shipman will be with us for 10 weeks helping with short-term teams that will be coming over the summer. We are looking forward to what God is going to do during her stay. We are also in the midst of preparing for three short-term teams that will be coming during July and August.

We did want to update you on the group that was meeting in the Cantina. This group seems to have caught attention of many of you, so we wanted to let you know what has been transpiring over the last few months. One night, during a meeting at the cantina the sound of large rocks being thrown at the door disrupted the meeting. We were being stoned by some of the local folks who did not want us in the area. One of the ladies of the group walked out of the room to see who it was and was hit in the head. The next week we were told that the group could no longer meet in this location. After praying and being turned down at several locations (possibly due to some pressure from leaders in the community) we were able to find a room in which

to meet. The people themselves are willing to support the rent of this new location as well as pay for the light bill through their offerings to the Lord. They continue to desire to learn and at some point become a church.

We know that all of these things are a result of God's working in and through prayer and although we don't always understand some of things that happen on our lives we know that our God is faithful and loving and will not give us more than we are able to bear and that He is conforming us more and more into the image of His Son. With this in mind remember Hebrews 12:1-2: "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who **for the joy set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

We love and miss you all,

Larry, Sandy, Lynae and Mackenzie

* * * * **PRAISE** * * * *

- For wonderful friends like each of you who made our Christmas so special.
- For God's mercy and grace in the midst of difficult circumstances.
- For the love we receive from you in so many different ways.
- For safety during our many travels.
- For God's help and sustaining hand during Sandy's trip to the US for her sister's funeral.
- For all the people we were able to minister to with the medical team that was here.
- That we are all healthy again following colds and other mysterious stomach related illnesses.
- That Heber and Marcelina were able to get moved with no problem and are settled in their new home.
- For Zosimo and the encouragement he has been and his desire to serve the Lord.

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Due to the lateness in getting this out we will not be giving a prayer request for each day just for specific dates and some of the more pressing prayer needs that we have at this time.

May 20th	Larry's birthday.
May 30th	Arrival of the intern, Amanda Shipman, who will be helping us for 10 weeks.
Sundays	The group in Monterrey meets (the community where we live).
Mondays	Team meetings.
Wednesdays	The group in Monterrey meets. (same as Sunday)
Thursdays	The Bible study that was held in the cantina meets in a town called Acco.
Fridays	Larry and Heber will be visiting the surrounding evangelical churches to encourage the pastors to press on with their training.

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1. That the group that is meeting in Acco (where the cantina is) would continue to grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord. They desire very much to have an evangelical church in their community and are learning more and more what it means to sacrifice for the Lord.
2. Please remember to lift up Sandy's mom and the rest of the family as they continue to adjust to the loss of Sandy's sister. Sandy's mom is also having some health problems regarding fluid retention that has affected her breathing.
3. We are looking forward to having Amanda Shipman with us for ten weeks. Please pray that her time here would be a time of spiritual growth both personally and with regards to missions.
4. Please pray for our marriage that we would remember the teaching of Ephesians 5 and apply it. That we would be imitators of God and walk in love just as Christ did.
5. The girls are doing well, although Lynae especially misses having a close English speaking friend. We are still praying for God's provision in that area. Their school work is progressing and they are both doing very well in that regard. We are still exploring possibilities for them to attend a Peruvian school part-time in order to improve their Spanish. Please continue to lift all of these concerns before the throne.
6. Since the rains have stopped we have begun having the children from the community come to the house once a week for a time of games, activities and a Bible story. Please pray that God's Spirit would use these times to have an impact in the lives of these children.



Typical dress for Quechua Women

7. We were praising the Lord for providing a place for our group in Monterrey to meet which had just the right amount of space and just needed some fixing up. Well, we found out that the man that supposedly was in charge of renting the house really wasn't and it should never have been rented to us because it is going to be torn down and a road put in. So once again we are looking for a place to meet. We know that God has this all under control and are praying that with this new trial the people in the group will take the responsibility for locating a place and also realize the need for them to contribute for the rent and utilities. We don't want to breed dependence by them thinking that the mission will be providing everything.
8. We have mentioned before that working in a cross-cultural team setting is at times very difficult. Please continue to pray for unity within our team with regard to the ministry that is already being done and for future planning with regard to the direction of the ministry in this area.
9. Please begin praying now for all the necessary preparations needed for the short-term teams coming from the US during July and the beginning of August. Especially be praying that the people who are coming would be preparing spiritually as well as for the temporal.
10. We have been learning more and more about the situation the pastors are in here. They do not receive any type of pay from their congregations and are pastoring these churches on a volunteer basis. They must have another form of income in order to survive and for many this means subsistence farming. For this reason it is difficult for them to study and follow-up after receiving training as they are just trying to survive and keep their families going. Please pray that God would give us insight into the best way that we can help them in shepherding the people in their churches. Also please pray that God would move in the hearts of the people in their congregations to serve using the gifts that God has given each one.
11. Our friends and neighbors, Brad and Laura Lindsey, should be back in Peru at the end of May. Brad and his dad made a trip down in April to get things ready. Please remember them in prayer as they bring their newborn son, Judson, back and seek the Lord on the direction their ministry should take.
12. We have been investigating different options for Larry and Heber in order to learn Quechua. We are seeing more and more just how essential this is to the furtherance of the ministry here. We have found that there is a man who teaches Quechua that lives right in our community. Please pray for wisdom as we explore this option and also the discipline to get out into the villages to practice.
13. We continue to pray for the Lord to stir up the men in the different communities we are visiting. For many reasons they do not see their need for the Lord or don't want to acknowledge that need.

Again, we want to give our heartfelt thanks to each one of you for the part you are playing in reaching the Quechua with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We love you.



Rest time from thrashing grains