



# Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

*The messengers of Christ to the Quechua*

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Huaraz, Peru



*Dear faithful friends,*

It is dry season here now. The people who live here in the mountains say it will not rain again until at least September! This is nice for travelers but it also causes everything here to dry up. I am sure many of you have experienced a period of drought where you live. In the Andes, the Lord in His wisdom has placed natural springs throughout the Mountain areas. These springs provide water to all the people, crops and animals. In each pueblo there is actually a person who is in charge of the water distribution. Obviously we cannot live without water but perhaps you have not given much thought to how necessary it is until you are running out of it.

Another way the Lord has provided water here is through the runoff of the beautiful glaciers that are spread throughout various parts of the Andes Mountains.

Spiritually speaking there are times when I feel like my water source is really dry. In a country where the main languages are Spanish and Quechua, even words from the Spanish Bible do not affect me like my own Bible that has my heart language. They are both God's word and the Holy Spirit still provides our nourishment through it and teaches us, but when we read it in our language it really hits the heart!!

As I have been trying to learn Quechua and listen to the Quechua tapes of the Bible, I think often of how the same thing must be true for the Quechua people. If we were to insist that they read Spanish and not try to work with them in their heart language it could be compared to feeding a little baby a huge juicy steak. We know it tastes good and it is good, but the baby just cannot digest it! Many Quechua can speak Spanish to some extent but they really understand the Quechua and that is what they can digest when we speak to them from the Bible. They are not babies by any means. They are very wise people and we would have much to learn from them if we could give them more time to teach us. Did Jesus not humble



Young Girls Studying

himself to learn the language of a Man? This is a huge challenge for me to learn the language of the Quechua people.

Recently, Heber and I were invited to attend a Worship service in a place called Huaripampa. It is a mountain village where very little Spanish is spoken except for perhaps some travelers who visit from time to time. The locals all speak Quechua for the most part. During the worship service we were asked to take a part in leading the singing. Heber also plays the guitar. Recently, Heber has been working with one of the Quechua translators who works for Wycliffe to help us translate some really rich hymns that are full of bible truth and doctrine into the Huaylas Quechua of this region. During this service we were using these new hymns in Quechua and leading the worship before this Quechua congregation. I only wish that it was possible for all of you to be there during these special times. The Lord opens the hearts of these

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Quechua folks when they can identify and “digest” the words that are being sung and spoken. As I stood there in front of them singing their heart language there was an awesome connection that cannot be replaced.

It was during the encounter Jesus had with the women at the well when He told her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you ‘Give Me a drink’ you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.” Later, He responded again and said, *“Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”* (John 4:10,14)

Will you join us in praying for these Quechua folks who know what it is to depend on the water that will soon run dry, that the Holy Spirit will open their eyes and hearts to the one source that will never run dry!

We thank God for you all, for your prayers and financial support in order that we can keep teaching and preaching the Good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate on this end.

We love you all,

*Larry and Sandy*



Quinoa Grain—Remember it is harvest time here, both spiritually and physically.

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*“Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true.”* John 5: 35-37

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- For our terrific vehicle that takes us to those hard to get to places
- For health and safety.
- For two very creative girls
- For one of our supporting churches who has increased our support.
- For three short-term teams coming this summer.
- For God's grace and love that we experience through each one of you.



Thrashing Grain

\* \* \* \* P R A Y E R R E Q U E S T S ( One for each day of the month ) \* \* \* \*

1. We will be in Lima taking care of last minute purchases in order to handle the groups that will be coming this summer. Please pray we would not forget anything and estimate correctly what will be needed.
2. We will be traveling home from Lima today. Please pray for a safe trip and that we don't have any unexpected delays from the police.
3. Sandy and Marcelina (Heber's wife) will be beginning a Bible study called Wisdom for Mothers. Once they have gone through the material they hope to offer it to other Peruvian women.
4. Please pray for Larry and Heber's relationship that God would unite their hearts.
5. Please pray for the group that meets in Monterrey on Sunday afternoons that God would begin by using His word to change the lives of the few that come and through them begin a change in the whole community.
6. School has been going well and we hope to finish by the end of June. Please pray for Lynae to be diligent and focused as she begins the final stages of a research paper.
7. Our intern, Amanda Shipman, arrives today in Huaraz. Please pray for her safe bus trip from Lima and also that she would not have any problems adjusting to the altitude.
8. Larry teaches a Bible study on Wednesday nights. Please pray that as we continue to study the Shorter Catechism that God's Spirit would reveal to those that come how applicable God's word is to their lives today.



9. Thursday evenings is the Bible study in Acco, the community where we used to meet in the cantina. They have a desire to have another meeting on Sundays but this would mean a real sacrifice of time in which they work in their fields. Please pray that God would continue to strengthen this desire to the point where they are willing to trust Him with this.
10. From now until the middle of August we are going to be extremely busy with Amanda, preparing and hosting teams. Please pray that we would not sacrifice good family times, but would keep our priorities in order.
11. Amanda is living with a Peruvian family so please pray that her relationship with them would be sweet and that she would have many opportunities to share the Gospel with them.

\* \* \* \* \* P R A Y E R   R E Q U E S T S   ( c o n t i n u e d )   \* \* \* \* \*



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12. As I mentioned last month, we lost the house where we were meeting in Monterrey and are currently using one room in one of the member's houses, a sweet 93 year old grandma, but we don't have a place for the children to have their class. Please pray that God would use this to encourage the people to take responsibility for finding a new suitable location.

13. Contentment is an issue with most people and lately Mackenzie has been struggling with a bad attitude in this area. Please pray that God would replace her discontentment with a heart of gratitude.

14. Tuesdays we have the children from our community come for a time of games, Bible stories and sometimes a craft. Please pray that as our relationship with them grows that it might have an impact in their lives to last all eternity.

15. Please pray for our team leader, Keith Powlison, and his family as they travel back from the US to Peru.

16. As we mentioned last month, the pastors here are volunteers and receive no monetary compensation for their work in the church. Please pray for Larry as he explores ways in which he might help them learn a trade that would allow them time to dedicate to pastoring as well. At this point just surviving takes most all of their time.

17. Larry and Heber will be working this month locating places where the short-term teams coming this summer might minister and have the most impact. Please pray for God's guidance in these decisions.

18. Please pray that we would be faithful in what appears to be the "little" things and not get discouraged. It is so easy to wonder what the point is in continuing a group when only 2 or 3 adults and a handful of children come.

19. Please pray 2 Corinthians 4:5-10 for us today.

20. Please pray that God would strengthen the hearts of the Quechua pastors in order that they might trust Him for all their needs.

21. As God brings us to mind please pray for our safety as we travel not only in "Rover", our vehicle, but in taxis, buses and on foot.

22. Our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is today!!! How we praise God for His faithfulness to us.

23. We have been so blessed not to have had many health issues recently. Please pray for continued protection for us and also for Amanda and those coming on the short-term teams.

24. Sandy's mom continues to have health issues. Please pray Isaiah 41:10 that God would uphold her.

25. Please pray that we would not be "crooked patterns", as Amy Carmichael writes in her book, God's Missionary, for the Peruvians to see but that our walk would be consistent with what we say we believe.

26. Zosimo is the young man who spent two weeks helping us last month; please pray for him as he begins working in an area called Andahuaylas doing evangelism and church planting.

27. Please pray for pastors here and all over the world Galatians 6:9 that they would not grow weary in well doing.

28. Only 3 more days of school. Please pray that we would finish well.

29. Larry continues to take every opportunity to add to his knowledge of Quechua. Please pray for a good ear, a good memory, diligence and a language helper.

30. Please pray that in our spiritual walk we will constantly go back to the cross for forgiveness, encouragement and renewal.

*"Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my (Paul's) gospel and preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen." Romans 16:25-27 **Press On.***