



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

The messengers of Christ to the Quechua

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Dear Faithful Ones,

We rejoice in the Lord as we see His powerful hand over the Quechua people here in the Ancash region. We are thankful to Him for his promises. His word is what sustains us each day when the temptation creeps in to doubt. Oh, how we need His word firmly planted in our hearts especially during those dark times.

We rejoice in Him for His providence each day, the breath we take (up here at 10,000 feet it seems to have more meaning), for the joy He puts in our hearts when things do not seem to be happening as we would like them to. I thank Him for the beautiful family He has given us. We also thank the Lord for Jonathan; he is not ours but we are thankful for the Lord giving Him to us for such a time as this.

When it seems that we cannot see the fruit of our labors suddenly we are surprised by the little things that demonstrate the hand of God and His presence with us. Recently, in one of the Quechua village where we meet, a local priest was threatening a lady we met. He had asked her why she was committing spiritual adultery by changing her religion. The lady responded to the man by asking him where he could justify his remarks

*God be gracious to us and bless us,
and cause you're his face to
shine upon us---*

*That **Your** name may be known
among all nations.*

*Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.*

Psalm 67:1-3.

in the Bible. The priest could not give her an answer. The following day the priest visited the lady again to prohibit her from meeting with us. She then responded to him that we were only teaching her from the Bible and she was not receiving any Bible teaching from the priest. She asked him what sin

she was committing by studying the Bible. After this the priest told all the children that they were prohibited to come to the Bible Study classes. In response the lady asked the priest who he thought he was that he would prevent the little ones from hearing God's word being taught. The lady continued to tell the priest that she would not serve men any longer but only Jesus. A month ago when we first met this lady she was very suspicious of us and fearful. Now she welcomes us and many times serves us a lunch with the little she has. The Holy Spirit is working many ways that we cannot see. We pray for His truth and Light to shine. We pray that the Lord would soften the heart of this

priest as well and take away any fear or threat he may be feeling. I have yet to meet him personally, may the Lord give us the grace to love this man in a way that he has not known.

The more time we live here the more we see the need for



Heber, Marcelina, Caleb with Nila (a new believer) and her husband

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strong churches to be planted among the Quechua mountain folks where they will receive solid Bible teaching and freedom to worship the true God. Many of the "evangelical" churches have bad testimonies and it makes it very difficult at times to get a listening ear. However, when I see what the Lord is doing in the hearts of some of the mountain Quechua I am amazed at what the Holy Spirit is doing. For instance one single mother who has four children, two of which are still very young and at home, comes to the Bible studies week after week. During the day she is generally out working in a field or gathering fire wood to use for cooking. Many times I see her when passing by the Quechua village, she will be high up on a mountain side gathering wood while her 7 yr. old daughter is standing alone by the highway attending her burro or



Collahuasi lady with Lamb

just waiting for her mom to come back. Recently her brother was killed in a car accident; he happened to be the only one in her family who helped her financially. Even in the midst of her grieving she expresses a hope that was not there before. They all live very hard lives and yet the Lord is putting an unspeakable joy in their hearts as they learn about him and find communion with Him through the knowledge of His Son, Jesus.

Please pray for us for wisdom as we encounter some rough spots in the journey. Our desire is to see the desire of

these Quechua folks be turned to our God who will be glorified most definitely in that!

Thank you all for your prayers and support,

Larry for Sandra, Lynae , Mackenzie & Jonathan

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- For God's sustaining, guiding and providing during this past year here in Peru. On April 5th we completed our second year here only by His grace.
- For another month of good health and safety which we never take for granted.
- That Sandy's mom is somewhat stable at this time.
- For a safe trip to Lima for a little rest and relaxation.
- For a young man named Arturo who desires to learn more of the Bible and is being disciplined by Larry.
- For the love, support, encouragement and prayers we receive from all of you cheering us on.

"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

***** PRAYER REQUESTS (One for each day of the month) *****

1. Heber and Marcelina have been doing a Bible class for kids on Saturdays in Aco. However, recently due to threats made by people from a Priest, almost all the children have stopped coming due to fear. Pray that the truth of God's word would shed light on the lies being told.



2. Heber and Marcelina leave on a long trip to go back to their hometown in order to vote. Pray for safety and a refreshing time with family.

3. Larry will be meeting with Arturo today to continue their study of the book of John. Pray that God's Spirit would open his eyes to his need to be born of the Spirit.

4. Pray for Larry, as with Heber gone for possibly a month or more he will be doing all of the teaching in all the groups.

5. The rains have gotten very heavy lately. Pray for continued safety as we travel. There are many landslides and rocks that fall into the roads at this time.

6. In Aco they will be beginning a study of the life of Christ. We are thankful for the hunger the people have in this community to learn more of the truth. Pray that God would put in the hearts of some of them the desire to reach out to those in the communities around them.

7. In Collahuasi on Fridays a group of a few adults and several children has been studying God's word. Recently in this community a priest has tried to pressure them from continuing. We praise God for the strong conviction of the woman who has opened her store for us to meet in. Pray that she would continue steadfast in the midst of this opposition.

8. Today we will be having a get together with a group of young people in order to encourage them and also begin to disciple them with a view to the possibility of God using them in the

future to reach out to others.

9. We have begun meeting in the mornings in Monterrey instead of the afternoons and are continuing to seek God's will for this small group made up of mostly children and a few women.

10. Pray Psalm 91:1 for us that we would continually abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

11. Sandy has begun meeting for Bible study with a young single mother named Norma who has two young sons. Pray that God's Spirit would work through His word to transform her life.

12. Pray 2 Corinthians 4:15-16 for us today that our inner man would be renewed day by day.

13. Mario is a young Quechua man who is being discipled to lead the group in Aco. Pray for him as he steps out in faith to take more responsibility.

14. Raul is a pastor of a small Quechua church in a community called Uquia. He and his wife, Santa, desire to serve and work together with us. Pray for this relationship to grow and bear much fruit for the kingdom.

15. Today we will be giving a half-day women's seminar at one of the Evangelical churches in Huaraz. Pray that what we teach will be beneficial and also serve to build relationships within the body of Christ.

16. The kids from our neighborhood now come on Sunday afternoons instead of Tuesdays and we are having an English class. Pray that this would be one more way to build relationships within our community.

17. School continues to go well although some days motivation can be an issue. Pray we would ALL see the need to do our best at all times for God's glory. Proverbs 4:13

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18. There are a few villages where we have shown the Jesus Film and have done some preliminary follow-up but due to the rains we haven't been able to get back to them as often as we would like. Pray God would keep their hearts yearning for more of God's word until we can get back there again.

19. Sandy's mom will be transitioning to a nursing home soon. Pray that the perfect spot will become available and that she would have peace in the midst of this upheaval. Also Pray for her sister, Bonnie, as she was recently diagnosed with high blood pressure.

20. It takes 2 years before the actual adoption procedure for Jonathan can be done. Pray that God would move in order that we might finish the process before we are scheduled for furlough in 2007.

21. Pray Proverbs 14:29 for each of us today that we would be slow to anger and have great understanding, with each other and also with the Peruvians we come in contact with each day.

22. Pray for Mario today as he is teaching the children in Aco and has never done anything like this before.

23. Larry met a new family in a village called Paria that want to meet every Sunday morning to listen to the Scriptures in Quechua and discuss them. Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw this whole family to the Lord.

24. We mentioned Anna Echols in our last newsletter as she is raising support to come as a 2-year missionary. Pray that God would



reveal Himself to her in new ways and that her faith would grow during this process.

25. Pray 2 Chronicles 16:9 that our hearts would be completely His and that He would strongly support us.

26. We are two thirds of the way through our school year and would appreciate prayer that God would give us renewed desire to press on to the end.

27. Pray for Larry as he continues to teach on the life of Christ in Aco and that God would cause the people to apply what they learn to their daily lives.

28. The need for unity among Evangelicals is huge. Pray that God would soften the hearts of His people here towards one another and that there would be forgiveness and restoration of relationships that would be a testimony to all.

29. Larry has found someone to be his language helper for Quechua. Pray that this would be a beginning of bridging the communication gap with the people in the villages.

30. We are looking into the possibility of renting another house in Monterrey in order to have a better place for the group to meet and also to use for various other things like classes in health education and English. Pray for wisdom and also that the owner would deal fairly and honestly with us.

We truly would not be able to continue on without the support you give us in so many, many ways.

We love you.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirits brothers. Amen."

Galatians 6:18