



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

The messengers of Christ to the Quechua

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Wheat fields awaiting harvest

Dear Friends,

In the clouds! That is where we are many times, when we visit the Quechua villages. The clouds sit in the midst of the Huaylas valley, better known here as the Callejon de Huaylas. We live in the valley where the altitude is around 10,000 ft. above sea level. The villages we are working in are situated in the highlands far above the valley. Huaraz is one of the largest outdoor market centers of the Ancash province, therefore many of the folks who live in the outlying areas are drawn to this area to sell their goods and also purchase the necessities they are not able to grow themselves. They bring anything from fresh fruits and vegetables to chickens, sheep and guinea pigs. These are folks who need to hear the good news of the Gospel!

Very few people own their own car here. The transportation system is either by small buses, vans or on foot. So they are very dependent on public transportation. In the mornings it is common to see hundreds of children walking to school in uniforms; many will walk for two hours to reach their school. Many children walk past our house in the mornings having come from very isolated pueblos on their way to school.

These are children who need to hear the good news of the Gospel! The Psalmist declares that God's faithfulness reaches even up to the clouds!

"Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds,

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD

How precious is your steadfast love, O LORD! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadows of your wings.

Psalm 36:5-7

As we continue forming more and more relationships with the Quechua folks through Bible studies and general daily contact we are seeing a trust being built. We see the relationships maturing as well as interest learning from the Bible. Probably the first thing that comes into their minds when they first see us is "Why are you here?" "What is your interest in coming to my village?" Our national Quechua co-worker, Heber has told me that friendship is slow among the Quechua. They are very suspicious of us. Many other folks have done them wrong or taken advantage of them in some way before. Yet, Heber is quick to say that once you gain a Quechua friend, you will have one for ever. Unfortunately, the opposite also holds true.

Recently after much time being spent among these precious mountain folks, I can see some changes occurring. Good changes! The Lord is at work in the hearts of His people. We see people expecting us when we arrive in their villages. Many times we are offered a meal or tea before we leave. These may appear to be small things but they are huge from our perspective. What are we learning? It takes time but the

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steadfast love of the LORD reaches to the Clouds! He is faithful! Great is His faithfulness!

I was traveling one day to make some visits to a Quechua village where we had made some contacts previously. The sun was very intense this particular day. The road was very rough with lots of evidence of previous landslides from the harsh rains.

I had a young man with me who is from another province in Peru. He came to help us with the women's seminar we were doing that week in the Evangelical Church of Peru.

As we were making our way up to the village we discovered a group of people working in a field harvesting potatoes. Before I could even get out of my vehicle they were waving to us. I thought this to be very unusual for them to wave to a stranger such as I was to them. Immediately one of the Quechua women began to gather potatoes in her large woven skirt to bring up to us. She was offering them as a gift.

It turned out that the family was one I had had contact with several months prior and we had helped them to get to a Doctor. It was a small thing for me but it evidently had an impact on them. We continued the next hour or

so trying to communicate in the Quechua language and I received an invitation to come back again. In these small but not insignificant ways the Lord seems to be opening up paths for us.

Another family of five I meet with on Sunday afternoons does not attend any church or belong to any group but are hungry to know what the Bible says. We listen to Scripture recordings in Quechua and then read the same text in Spanish. It is interesting to see the expressions of each one of them as they hear the Bible in their language. I have been invited to come back and teach them every Sunday. What a joy it is to hear each one read the scriptures and then make comments and ask questions. The mother cannot read but understands very well what is being said as she brings up some of the most interesting questions. It appears more and more that it takes time. The Lord is faithful.

We thank the Lord for your continued prayers and faithful support.

Love in Christ,

Larry, Sandra, Lynae, Mackenzie & Jonathan

* * * * P R A I S E F O R * * * *

- ◆ For a wonderful Easter remembering that we serve a risen Savior.
- ◆ That the Women's Seminar went well and that the Association of Evangelical Churches of Peru desire for us to provide more seminars in the future.
- ◆ For the safe return of Heber and Marcelina.
- ◆ For friend, Zosimo, who came to help while Heber was gone.
- ◆ For allowing us to rent the house we have been praying about to use as a ministry center in Monterrey.
- ◆ For keeping us safe and healthy for another month.
- ◆ That the rains are beginning to taper off making travel to the villages easier.
- ◆ For the love, prayers and support we receive from you which encourages us to press on in the battle.

"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. The girls will be taking their standardized tests this week. Pray they will remain calm, focused and do their best.

2. For a Quechua Christian family (mom, dad, son and daughter that were attacked and robbed in their home out in one of the villages losing all their animals. Specifically, pray for work and another place for them to live.

3. The grandmother of 4 of the children that come to our group in Monterrey died 2 weeks ago. Pray for the children's parents that God would be at work in their hearts to desire to attend the Bible study we have and ultimately draw them to Him.

4. Thursday nights we have Bible study in Aco. We are doing a Bible study on the Abundant Life of Christ.

5. Nila is the woman who has opened her store up for us to hold Bible study. Pray for her husband who is an unbeliever and also for Nila as she learns more about the Christian life and the obedience it calls for.

6. We are hoping that a group of young people will be coming to begin a discipleship class today. We have prepared for them on two other occasions but each time something has prevented them from coming.

7. For the family that Larry meets with in Paria that have a real hunger for God's word that God would protect them from being discouraged and that would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

8. Colossians 3:12-14 regarding relationships within our family, among the missionaries here, between the different evangelical groups and between those who profess to be Christians.



9. This week Larry and Heber will be traveling to villages trying to arrange places that a medical group can serve at the end of the month. Need for direction to those places we can have the most impact both physically and spiritually.

10. Sandy's mom still has to wait for placement in a nursing home. She is having a hard time accepting the move. Also her sister is overwhelmed with the daily care of her Mom.

11. We are reminded daily that we are in enemy territory. Pray for those attending the Bible studies that they would be protected from the attacks of the evil one and be able to stand firm. Ephesians 6:10-13.

12. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 "Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; and that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith."

13. That God's Spirit would overcome the spirit of fear in the lives of the parents of the children that were coming to the group in Aco on Saturday afternoons so that will allow them to come again.

14. For unity and love among God's people so that by this many would desire to know Christ.

15. Arturo, the young man that Larry had begun to disciple, has not come the past few times. Pray that God would stir his heart to continue to seek Him.

16. Larry will be driving to Lima today to attend a meeting this week and prepare for the medical team that is coming to work in Huaraz. Safety on the highway and mountain roads.

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17. For Sandy and the kids while Larry is away and as they finish last minute details in preparation for the arrival of the team.

18. For Larry as he meets with our team leader and others to discuss issues vital to the vision and direction of the ministry here.

19. For safety as the team from Twin Oaks Church in St. Louis, MO will be traveling to Lima today.

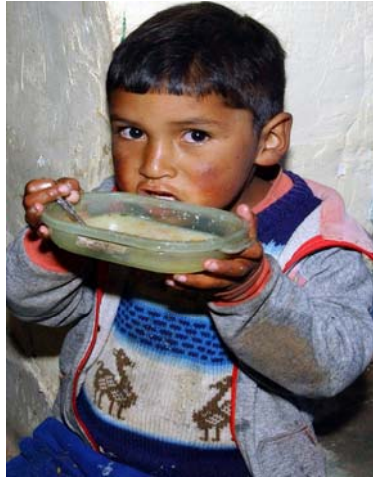
20. Larry and the team will be making the 8 hour road trip to Huaraz today. Pray for a safe and enjoyable trip up into the mountains.

21. That the team will not have any problems adjusting to the altitude and that God would protect their health while they are here.

22. We will begin attending people in the villages today. Pray that each person that we have contact with would sense the love of Christ.

23. At each community we visit we will also be presenting the gospel. Pray for prepared hearts and an openness for future teaching.

24. Please remember to pray for safety as we travel with the team.



25. For each team member to gain a new and deeper sense of God's heart through their experiences here.

26. That the relationships we begin through the team would continue on far into the future.

27. The team heads back to Lima by bus this morning and back to the States tonight. Pray for safety and also that their health will not suffer due to their trip.

28. When we have teams it doesn't leave much time for our family. Pray that the time we have together today would be a time of thankfulness and relaxation.

29. Back to school. Pray that God would continue to use His word in the girls' lives to teach them the way they should go.

30. Larry continues to pursue speaking Quechua. Pray God would continue to give him the desire to communicate in the heart language of the people around us.

31. Pray the end of Romans 16:19 – “. . . that we would be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil.”

We view each of you as a huge gift from God. Thank you for standing with us and serving the Quechua.

We love you.

“To this end also we pray for you always that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power; in order that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12