



# Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

*The messengers of Christ to the Quechua*

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## Dear prayer partners and friends,

My "right arm", (my dear wife, Sandra) is at the market doing the weekly shopping of necessities. She tells me it gives her time to get out and be among the "campesinos" (country folk). So she and the girls and Jonathan are visiting downtown Huaraz today. They are pretty much kept to the house throughout the week for schooling. This will all change this year as we hope to put the girls in a school run specifically for the families who work in the mines. The girls are looking forward to it with some hope to develop new friends as well.

The outdoor Quechua market days are on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays here in Huaraz. The streets are crowded with folks who have come from all over the mountain sides to sell their produce and to buy and take back necessities to their communities. One can barely move along in the streets as people shuffle their way in and out of the various vendors. There are three wheeled carts used to haul people's goods from one street to another. There are sacks of potatoes, carrots, beans, alfalfa, corn and squash. Although there are no signs which could help one to find a certain item, there appears to be specific areas where certain goods are sold. For instance, there is one street that sells hundreds of eggs. In another section there are fresh fruits being sold. Another area specializes in selling guinea pigs, chickens and turkeys. The inside market you can

buy meats, fish, grains, bread made from every kind of grain available on the earth, etc. There are no blue light specials here but you can generally find the basic necessities to live on. Truckloads of eggs are brought in from the coast as well as huge shipments of fish. Four eggs will cost you about the equivalent of 30 cents. The market is a great place to see lots of action and meet lots of folks.

The month of May was another busy month with a seminar for the Quechua pastors and then later we hosted a medical team from Twin Oaks PCA. The themes of the Pastors seminar were "The Doctrine of God" and secondly "Presenting the Gospel". Each Pastor who attended brought three members from their respective churches. The most exciting part was watching them during the practical exercises of the seminar. The workshops were all taught and practiced in their Quechua language. It was encouraging to see them present the Gospel in their own heart language to one another in teams of two.

Time is precious to the Pastors. Keeping in mind that most if not all these Pastors come in for a day after being in their fields working all day. They have church services three to four times a week. Their days are full and their time is precious to them as they try to shepherd a church and make a living as well. Therefore when they give up a day to come to a seminar it is a huge sacrifice for them. We try to provide a workshop environment, meaning that they must be involved in the teaching process to some extent. This is one of the best ways we have found to communicate to a culture that has survived for years as an oral society.

The medical teams went out for five days to the Quechua villages attending various sicknesses, aches and pains. The villages we focused on were ones we are currently working in with Bible Studies or have interest in going into. We spent two days in one particular village and even made some follow-up home visits the second day. It was a very exciting week in many ways as we saw people come to receive some of the best medical attention they have ever or would ever get perhaps. The Quechua suffer from many things but most of all is perhaps they are not treated equal among the other levels of society. This is one of the reasons many have struggled to learn Spanish thinking they would be a person of value then. The women in particular have very low self esteem. Many

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of the women cannot read and have been oppressed in their own homes.

So the attention that the medical team brought was something unexpected and even unknown. Each and every member of the medical team participated in sharing the love of Christ to these folks in various ways. They took time to talk to each patient and ask about their life and show interest in their personal lives. Each person was prayed for as well. These folks are so afraid of hospital treatment they would prefer to go to a "witch doctor". We experienced this first hand. One young adult lady was diagnosed with acute appendicitis. She needed to be operated on very soon. We offered to take her to the hospital and cover all her expenses. Her name is Jovanna. At the hospital they again confirmed that she had appendicitis. She became afraid and turned down the operation. We could not even convince her that she could possibly die. I later tried to visit her and she had instead gone to a witch doctor. There is tremendous fear in their hearts.

My heart was broken when a young boy related the threat he was receiving from a local priest of he continues to attend the Bible Study. The young boy of 15 years old was being threatened that his grade level would be dropped or he would be kicked out of school. His name is Enrique. He still comes to the Bible study even though his friends continue to throw remarks of various kinds at him.

Probably THE HIGHLIGHT was seeing a young man come limping up to the clinic on crutches with his wife from a long trek where he lives. He had tears in his eyes when I first saw him. He stood off by himself. I approached and asked him what he wanted. He had acute rheumatoid arthritis since he was 30. He was now 35. We carried him in and one of the Doctors examined him. As she diagnosed his condition I talked with him. He had been given a New Testament from someone who had passed through perhaps last year. He had been reading the Bible all along even though he was pretty much kept to himself. He had an interest in knowing more and asked how he could be a Christian. He had been inundated with other cults who had come into the community and he was unsure of what they had told him. The conversation was a very simple one but ended with a prayer indicating his desire to follow Christ. His name is Ermogenes. Pray for him as we begin a Bible study in his home that the Lord will use this crippled man on the outside to heal many spiritually on the inside as he begins to see the glories of God's grace in His life. His wife's name is Edita and his children, Vanessa, Janet and a son named Yuler. It was a huge blessing to go to his humble Adobe home and sit with him as he sat next

to me in his wheel chair worshipping together the Lord. His children and his wife sat on the damp ground near us as well all listened to a cassette of Luke in Quechua.

Recently, the husband of a woman named Nila whose picture was in the April news letter has been coming to the Bible studies in another community and has recently confessed his faith in Christ. The priest from this community continues to try to discourage the people from coming but many new people have come as a result perhaps.

Another family I have been meeting with every Sunday afternoon is very serious about studying the Bible. I had to miss two Sundays in a row visiting the family due to other things going on. The husband approached me to see if I was still going to come to his house and teach them. This is very unusual. The most interesting part is how they are questioning the traditional Roman Catholic thoughts and beliefs now and comparing with what the Bible teaches.

*Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD all the earth.*

*Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.*

*Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.*

*For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.*

*For all gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.*

*Honor and Majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Psalm 96: 1-6*

Although many think of this Psalm being a call to missions it is rather a Psalm proclaiming the greatness of the LORD. He is the good news! We see idols in the corners of each and every building and the recognition of saints as if they were able to save and protect them. We hear the veneration of Mary as if she were a god. The people are being lead astray by the traditions of the Roman Catholic culture and church. My heart burns for them to hear the truth and see the LORD! The Psalmist goes on to call us to give the glory to the LORD that is due HIS name.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you as you participate with us in the work among the Quechua people through your prayers and support.

In Christ,

**Larry, Sandra, Lynae, Mackenzie & Jonathan**

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

- For God's mercies that are new every morning.
- For the way God met us at every turn as we ministered in 4 different communities with a medical team made up of members from 3 different churches.
- For those that repented and believed in Christ in those villages.
- For safety and no serious illnesses.
- For the new friends we made on the team.
- For our families.
- For your love and support shown in a million different ways.
- For the house we are using in Monterrey to meet in.
- For 21 years of marriage, June 22.



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

1. Remember Mario, the young man being disciplined as a leader, that he would be strong in the Lord and that he would be protected from temptation and discouragement.
2. Pray for the husband of Nila, the woman in Collahuasi that is standing firm in spite of much opposition, as he has begun asking questions and seems to be showing some interest.
3. Pray 2 Corinthians 2:14 – that we would, by His grace, manifest the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.
4. The Quechua pastors are for the most part untaught, overworked volunteers. Pray their hearts would be encouraged to press on.
5. We've started back to school for another week and are in the final stretch, Pray that we finish well.
6. Pray for the family we mentioned last month that was brutally attacked and robbed. The attackers are in jail. However, the family continues to have many fears and needs. The husband stated that his greatest need was spiritual nourishment as he was feeling very dry. Pray that God would use us to water their souls and meet physical needs.
7. Larry and Heber will be resuming a study they began before rainy season in a village called Tayapampa. Pray for God to raise up a servant leader in that area that could be trained and be responsible for that group.
8. The Acco group continues to meet, although many stay away out of fear. Pray that Mario would



- not lose heart but be encouraged by God's Spirit.
9. Today our dear friend and fellow missionary, Don Gahagen, will be seeing his doctor to decide on a course of treatment for a heart problem they discovered a few weeks ago. Pray for wisdom for all and that Don would be feeling great soon.
  10. Larry is beginning a class in Quechua at the University today. It meets every Saturday. Pray for it to be practical and that God would supernaturally enable Larry to master it.
  11. Pray that more of our neighbors will attend the group that meets in Monterrey. We have already had 2 more women come since we've moved to our new location. We are specifically praying for men in the community to come.
  12. Pray for unity in the bonds of Christ's love in our family, on our team, and among the other believers here. This will be our most effective testimony to the power of the Gospel.
  13. Sandy's sister's health continues to suffer due to the strenuous nature of caring for her mom. Pray God would open the perfect spot in a nursing home quickly and that her mom would have a willing spirit and good attitude when the time comes to move.
  14. Ermogenes is a 35 year old man with rheumatoid arthritis who is almost totally confined to his bed. He made it to our clinic when the team was here and believed on Christ as His Savior that day. Larry has been back to visit and is beginning

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a study with him and any others in the community that are interested. Pray for his family, especially his wife, as she is not a believer.

**15.** Lynae and Mackenzie are in many ways protected from a lot of the temptations young people face in the States. However, they are confronted by many realities of life that their peers in the States will never see. Pray that God would use all their experiences to grow them in faith and their knowledge of Christ and that this would be worked out in their daily lives.

**16.** We are looking forward with great anticipation to the arrival of a two-year missionary, Anna Echols, from our home church in Greensboro, NC. She is currently at 55+% of her support. Pray for her during this time of God's preparation.

**17.** The Quechua people are very bound by tradition and superstition which we have seen in a variety of ways. Just a VERY SMALL example is the woman who came to the clinic for headaches who had coca leaves stuck to her forehead because they believe it will take away the pain. As we continued with the exam we discovered rose petals falling from under her blouse because she believed it would take away a fever she had had. Pray that the truth of God's word would break the bonds of tradition and superstition that hold these precious people captive.

**18.** Pray that today we would be refreshed through God's word. We are so thankful for messages we receive from different churches. They are a huge encouragement.

**19.** We cannot leave the country with Jonathan until the adoption is final at the end of 2007. Pray that there might be a change in the laws or some loophole or something that would allow us to get his passport and travel before that.

**20.** Please remember to always pray for safety as we travel around.

**21.** The majority of people who attend our groups are women and children. Pray God would break through the macho image of the men here and that they would surrender to His Spirit.

**22.** Today is our 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary. We praise God for bringing us this far.

**23.** Pray for God to break the bonds of alcoholism in the lives of the people who profess to be Christians so that God would be glorified.

**24.** Pray that we, like all of you, would keep our family and priority over the work of the ministry.

**25.** Pray for Larry as he preaches on our relationship with Christ that it will have an effect in the everyday lives of those who hear it.

**26.** Wisdom is a critical need as we receive many requests for different types of help. We especially need to have spiritual eyes to be able to detect the wolves in sheep's clothing.

**27.** We always appreciate your prayers for good health and protection from parasites, etc.

**28.** We visited a community called Cahuish with the medical team where there is a small evangelical church. However, the people here only speak Quechua which just reinforced the need for prayer that God would raise up men who speak both Quechua and Spanish with a desire to serve Him.

**29.** Pray for Heber and Marcelina as they are in the process of applying to seminary in Lima.

**30.** Today is the last day of school!! Pray for us as we are looking at two other schooling options for next year. One is in an international school (English speaking) and the other is a national school (Spanish speaking).



*Psalm 121*

*I will lift up my eyes to the mountains,  
From whence shall my help come?*

*My help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.*

*He will not allow your foot to slip;  
He who keeps you will not slumber.*

*Behold, He who keeps Israel  
Will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is your keeper;*

*The Lord is your shade on your right hand.*

*The sun will not smite you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.*

*The lord will protect you from all evil;  
He will keep your soul.*

*The Lord will guard your going out and  
your coming in*

*From this time forth and forever.*

Our help comes from the Lord! With much love to you all.

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