



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

The messengers of Christ to the Quechua

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Dear family,

We send our greetings in the blessed name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We hope this finds you all seeking Him first in all you do and leaning heavily on His everlasting arms. For He is capable and willing to uphold you in all you do. He is our God and we are His people by His grace and mercy He has granted us through His Son.

As I write I am thinking of the way time appears to pass to rapidly and yet it is always the time the Lord grants us being the same; our management of it changes daily. May He give us wisdom in this as well.

We think of many of you often in our prayers and think of the mighty hand of God both in your lives and in the ministry, which flows from the love that God, has poured into your lives by His Holy Spirit. He so generously gives us each day anew and even helps us in our weakness when we do not know what or how to pray in accordance with His will.

We are confident that He will strengthen you in all ways both the trials and in our daily work, he puts before us.

We hope to one day see you all again if the Lord sees fit to bring us together. Our hearts are with you both in the Lord and in His work while we are here in this earth.

May the Lord bless you in any ways as He already has.

The Lord has granted a time for me to preach in a small congregation of mixed Quechua and Spanish speakers closer to Huaraz. I have found His hand leading me along the way in His providence. Currently we are going through the tiny book of Ruth with few words but, Oh with so much to teach each one of us not leaving me out of His instruction. I see myself in some ways, as Noemi was, complaining and only able to see the awful dark side of providence. Yet providence it is! We shall see His merciful hand in many ways this year perhaps or the next. Many dark clouds have fallen on us through this past year but He is still able and willing to lead us along with His good and sovereign hand of mercy. Oh how His love drives us to the cross to seek His forgiveness when we complain and cannot see the crack of bright light shining through the darkness that seems to engulf us at times.

It is a true delight to be in a culture so distinct although very hard for us at times. Not that we are any better and we most definitely are not but there are things that only God can help us with in the clash of cultures. He has and will continue to work out His purposes in us for His glory and kingdom. Once we seem to get a grasp on a tiny part of the understanding here among the common mountain folks, another brick of misunderstanding seems to intrude. Oh, Lord God help us to see our own sin and much more your mercy we do not deserve so we can press on doing what you have called us to do.

Lynae and Mackenzie are doing well even through the struggles they constantly face as missionary kids in a place that is so different. They are experiencing things that are far beyond the reach of many and we thank the Lord for giving them this time. We are also thankful that they can see that the world is not all 'the American dream'. It has been fun and

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hard for all. I really enjoy having morning devotions with them. I only wish I was more faithful in being the leader they need. Are devotions are not very deep many times but they are encouraging to us all. Recently we have been practicing the song 'Come thou Fount' in three different languages; Quechua, Spanish and of course English. Another one of my favorites that we have been learning is an old one in Spanish called, "Con que Pagaremos". It is a wonderful song that means "with what will we pay" for such love as the Lord has given us. One of my favorite singers and composers, Fernando Ortega, sings this song on his album called. " Hymns and Meditations", I highly recommend it.



Ladies sorting beans

Jonathan, is growing as all babies do and learning to get into everything he can reach. He is walking with the help of holding onto things. He is a lot of fun and of course he burns lot of energy both ours and his. Kind of like a new disciple. They need someone to guide them and help them even when they fall many times, which he does..

We are saddened that we will have to move within the next month from where we live due to the property being up for sale. We have really loved being here and the girls have adapted well. Another brick...or perhaps a blessing in disguise?

We are fully into rainy season now and the sides of the grand mountains that surround us are green again. With the rains comes more snow in the higher elevations which bring brings a freshness of beauty all around. As we get closer to May, the temperatures will actually drop in the higher elevations. In this hemisphere, we will be moving into winter, which we refer to as the dry season because the rains stop all at once. We feel blessed to have you participate with us I the gospel and thank you all for your sacrifices in every way!

Love,

Larry and Sandra, Lynae, Mackenzie and Jonathan

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

- For the blood of Christ which gives us free access to the throne of grace.
- That God has provided 103% of Anna Echols' support and that she should be arriving sometime this month.
- For a nice, quiet Christmas.
- For a safe and fun trip for Sandy and the kids to Lima.
- For the thoughtful notes, cards and gifts from so many of you.
- That we have all been in good health.
- That Jonathan is sleeping better at night.
- For a young man named, Pablo, who has been helping us with the ministry in Collahuasi.
- For your love and concern for us during the last couple of months when our correspondence has been a bit sporadic.



*** PRAYER REQUESTS ***

We are going to try a new format with requests for days of the week with special dates noted separately.

Sundays

- Larry has been trying to use some of his Quechua with our group in Monterrey. Please pray for clarity and also that the Lord uses it in the lives of the Quechua speakers that come.
- There are some small Quechua churches scattered in the surrounding mountains but most of them are experiencing conflicts and are in dire need of teaching especially regarding the doctrines of grace. They are particularly vulnerable to cults. Please pray 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 for them.

Mondays

- Please pray for Larry's continued progress in learning Quechua and also for his tutor as Larry has him translate Scriptures that the Word would have effect in his life.
- Larry continues to do a study at the home of Ermogenes, the man with severe rheumatoid arthritis. Ermogenes' health seems to be taking a turn for the worse. Please pray for him in this regard and that the Holy Spirit would continue to give them a hunger and thirst for the truth.



Just a happy fellow

Tuesdays

- People here are so busy just trying to survive that even if they are believers they have not come to the point where they trust God to provide for them if they dedicate even one day a week to Him. Please pray that God would reveal Himself to his people as Jehovah Jireh (the God who provides).
- Please pray for each member of our family as in the past few months we have each experienced struggles and attacks of various kinds. Please pray 2 Corinthians 4 for us that we won't lose heart and would concentrate on the things not seen and not keep our focus on these "temporary light afflictions."

Wednesdays

- The girls are pressing on with their school work and doing very well. Please pray 1 Peter 2:21-25 that they would truly understand what it means to follow Christ's example.
- Jonathan is changing so much these days. He is making many different sounds that only he understands, he has 6 teeth, crawls everywhere and does a great Spiderman imitation as he walks along the furniture and walls. Please continue to pray that we could get his birth certificate. Please pray God would intervene in this process which we have been told only functions if you pay a bribe (which we are not willing to do).

Thursdays

- Thursday nights Larry preaches at a little church in Huaraz. Please pray that God would impress on some of the people a desire to reach out to the Quechua in the surrounding areas to lead Bible studies or do discipleship.

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• Where we place our focus is such a huge thing and difficult to maintain especially when every ay people try to take advantage of you, lie to you and generally just want whatever material things they can get from you with no interest in who you are or why you are here. Please pray we would follow Jesus' example as the people only wanted healings and miracles but not His message of salvation. He knew where He came from and where He was going and kept His focus on the Father in all things.



Plowing the Fields

Fridays

- As a result of the hot chocolate get together we had at Christmas, 2 more young women are attending the Bible study in Collahuasi. Please pray for all those that attend that God's word would take firm root so that when challenged they will have a ready answer and not be influenced and distracted by useless things (2 Timothy 2:14-15).
- Pablo is a young man from the church where Larry preaches on Thursday nights and has become interested in helping us in Collahuasi. Please pray for him as he also goes to the university and works, as well as being very involved in the activities of the church.

Saturdays

- We are beginning the process of moving to another home. Please pray for us during this transition as we will be going back and forth between two places for a couple of months. Also pray that our testimony to our current landlords would be a good and that the Lord would open their hearts to be favorable to us.
- Please pray for Anna Echols, our two-year missionary, as she gets settled and begins the learning process that never seems to end when you are attempting to live in another culture.

Ephesians 3:14-19

"For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God."



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We love and miss you all.