



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

The messengers of Christ to the Quechua

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Rockwell's News, Praise & Prayer

Huaraz, Peru



Dear Faithful Warriors,

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We hope this finds you all growing in the grace He gives each day.

We realize that recently our prayer letters have been rather sporadic, however, now that we are moved and getting settled, Lord willing, things will get back to whatever normal is.

The past month here has been a time when the people celebrate Carnival. This entails people throwing water at people as they pass by, many parades with the people dressed in costumes with hideous masks, usually with some demonic connotation, lots of bands marching around the different areas with dancing and drinking following behind. All of this in order to celebrate the city and surrounding area.

February is also the month when all the surrounding areas celebrate the festival of the cross. This means the people make a huge cross, usually about eight feet high and four feet across and decorate it with a special plant from the pampa and artificial flowers. They then march up and down the streets of their villages with a band also drinking and dancing. When we have asked the people the significance of this fiesta many have told us they don't know while others have said it is to remember Christ's crucifixion. What a way to commemorate such an event.

We are always aware of the darkness and ignorance that surrounds us here, but in the past month it has been more evident. It saddens us greatly and enforces more and more the need for the gospel in the lives of the people here. Yet, we are also aware that for the gospel to have effect in the lives of the people it will only be by God's Spirit and power. That is where your prayers come into play and are so vital to this ministry. It is so comforting and encouraging to know that we have such a faithful group of co-laborers working together with us in this endeavor.

On a more personal note, as many of you know we have moved, however, our mailing address remains the same. Please note our new phone number 011-51-43-426-901.

Thank you so much for your love that is demonstrated in so many ways. If not for God's grace working through each of you we would not be able to remain.

In Christ's love,

Larry, Sandy, Lynae, Mackenzie and Jonathan

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Pablo, our friend from Almada Grau church, teaching Enrique



Clearing rock slide



Little girl in Macashca



Intersection in Huaraz

*** * * PRAISES FOR * * ***

- For our trustworthy God.
- That God is enabling Larry to understand more and more Quechua.
- For God's provision of the shocks we needed for the car at a lesser price.
- That we are moved, although things are still pretty disorganized.
- For the safe arrival of our two-year worker, Anna Echols.
- For God's enabling as we participated in the four year anniversary celebration at a local church and also were witnesses at the wedding of a couple from the same congregation.
- For safety in our travels and during our move.
- That Jonathan is walking.
- For the successful completion of the girls' standardized testing.



Jonathan—Feb 2007

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- 1-** Anna has arrived and is settled into her apartment. She has already experienced "Carinval" here by being doused with water on her way to town one morning. Pray for her continued adjustment to the culture.
- 2 –** Join us in praying for God's provision of people to lead the Bible study groups currently in Collahuasi, Monterrey and Jauna.
- 3 –** Jonathan has another report to the judge this month. Continue to pray for the resolution of the paperwork to get a birth certificate for him.
- 4 –** Recently things have been declining in Monterrey. We continue to pray that God would raise up men in that community with a desire for spiritual things. We praise God for Arturo, a young man who has recently shown more of an interest in studying God's word.
- 5 –** We have a great school room at our new place and the girls (and Jonathan) really like it. Pray that Sandy would be able to find creative ways to encourage the girls in their studies.
- 6 –** Ermogenes and his family continue to study the basic doctrines of the Christian life. We are praying for God to show us a place or way to encourage more of the community to attend.
- 7 –** Pray 1 Samuel 12:24 for us: "Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider what great things He has done for you."
- 8 –** Larry preaches each Thursday night at a small evangelical church in Huaraz where we are building relationships and pray that God would move in the hearts of some to join with us in reaching out with the gospel to the Quechua.
- 9 –** Larry presses on with his study of Quechua. It is so great to go into a village and have him be able to understand what the people are saying. They open up rapidly when he greets them in their heart language. Pray for his continued progress.
- 10 –** Recently, Mackenzie has had the irrational fear that Sandy is going to die and doesn't like to let her out of her sight. Pray Romans 15:13 for her that she would learn to trust God more and more and not fear.
- 11 –** February was not only the month of Carnival but also the month of the Festival of the

- Cross when each community makes their own huge cross and marches with a band around town with the people following along dancing while drinking alcoholic beverages. It is such a sad and empty tradition. Pray that God would pierce the darkness that has the appearance of light which clouds the hearts and minds of the people here.
- 12 –** Every prayer letter we ask for prayer to keep our focus because it is so important. So Pray 1 Peter 1:13 for us. "Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."
 - 13 –** Pray that God would make our new living situation a "home," especially for the girls. It is very different from where we were living.
 - 14 –** Pray God would provide Anna with young women her age as friends.
 - 15 –** Larry has been having his tutor, Justino, translate different portions of Scripture (especially selected) to Quechua which requires explanation to facilitate the correct translation. Pray the Holy Spirit would use His word to change Justino's heart.
 - 16 –** Pray for the salvation of Divorcio, the husband of Nila in Collahuasi. Recently, when we have been doing our study there he has been intoxicated. This is very difficult for Nila as she is a new believer.
 - 17 –** Larry will be traveling to Ecuador today to attend an Advanced Medical Leadership Training course. Pray for his safety as he travels.
 - 18 -** Pray for Sandy, the girls and Jonathan as they hold the fort while Larry is gone until the 26th.
 - 19 –** Pray that this training that Larry is taking



Mary and her son, attends in Collahuasi

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in Ecuador would be practical and prepare him to act as a leader for medical teams that come down.

20 – Jonathan is such a joy and is developing quite a personality. Pray that even at this young age God would be at work in his heart drawing him to Himself.

21 – It is funny when we go into a village and stop to greet people and they start talking among themselves in Quechua thinking that the gringos won't understand and Larry will respond in Quechua to what they have said. Pray that his speaking would catch up with his understanding and that he wouldn't grow weary in the process.

22 – We have a need for men or couples to join our team. We are thankful for the Dillons who are currently raising support to come. Pray that God would strengthen them during this time and continue to give them a vision and heart for the Quechua.

23 – With moving and the demands of every day life and ministry our marriage often ends up on the back burner. Pray that we would be reminded by God's Spirit to not neglect our rela-



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tionship but continually dedicate ourselves to one another.

24 – Our friend, Pablo, who helps us with the ministry in Collahuasi, has begun teaching a young people's Bible study on Jonah in the small church where Larry preaches on Thursdays. Pray for him as he seeks God's will for his future.

25 – Pray that God's word would go out with power in all His church and change the lives of those who hear it.

26 – Larry will be traveling back from Ecuador. Pray for his safety in his travels and for God ordained contacts along the way.

27 – Pray that we would be a

good testimony to the owners of our former house as we turn the house back over to them. Also, that they would find everything in order.

28 – Pray for our adjustment to living in the city.

29 – As we face the frustrations of living in a culture very different from our own it is very easy to lose our focus that these are the people we are supposed to reach out to in love. Pray that God would continually renew our love for the Quechua He has sent us to serve.

30 – Pray for Anna's Spanish to continue to improve as she takes every opportunity to speak to those she comes in contact with.

31 – We have found that ministry is much more effective if you live in the community where you are ministering. Pray for new relationships to be built in our new neighborhood and that God would guide us into ways we can reach out and minister in our new community.

Much love to you all.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.



Sandra teaching the children in Collahuasi