



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 praying friends,

Our life has changed a little since the last time we updated you all. We now live in the city of Huaraz. With the provision of what used to be the old Institute of Summer Linguistics, owned by Wycliffe Associates, there was a need for someone to live on grounds and maintain the facility. A facility which was used in the past for translation work of the Quechua literature and Bible. The Lord graciously provided the funds for the purchase of the center and now Mission to the World, Hinterland ministries is the owner of the property. We are looking forward to using the center as a training center to equip current Quechua Pastors and leaders of existing churches and well as train folks who will in turn through Christ's leading plant their own churches in areas where the gospel has not been established. I ask for your prayers in how we as a team go about using the center; it has tremendous potential as a resource as a Bible Institute.



South Side of Training Center

While our desires are to live in the Quechua communities this is not possible at this time. Instead, we do continue dedicating time visiting the Quechua communities and teaching them through Bible studies, presenting the Jesus Film in the

Quechua language and developing relationships with the Quechua people. We hope this is for a short time, as we know there is a need for constant contact and building relationship among the Quechua folks in order to begin a ministry that would last.

We have learned that it takes a long time to gain trust from the folks who have learned to survive without the "disturbance" of us gringos. If you were to stop and think about how it may be for a foreigner to move into your neighborhood and begin talking to you about his or her religion and trying to convince you the need to believe it. Only God's Spirit can open the hearts and minds to His own word. I am convinced that we need to humble ourselves and ask the Lord to show us ways we can demonstrate the love of Christ to these people first, then the ground will be prepared for them to receive the word of God.

We will be having short term teams come during the months of June through October. Some of them will be ministering through Vacation Bible School and others through construction helping a local church and others will be Medical teams.

While it truly takes a lot of energy and preparation to have teams come and join us we find it a privilege to have them come in many ways. I have to be honest in that it can take away from our regular ministry to some extent. We are learning how to incorporate the short-term teams into existing ministries in order to enhance them and prepare the groups to come with open ears and eyes to learn from the people here.

In March, I had the privilege of attending a week-long training event called Advanced Medical Leadership Training in Quito, Ecuador under the primary leadership of Drs. Ted and Sharon Kuhn. While this course is primary intended for Medical personnel, it is open to missionaries as well. I

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Collahuasi ladies preparing yarn and knitting

was introduced to many things that I feel will help Sandy and I here out in the distant Andes where we live, the most important thing I learned is that the short term teams should come with the attitude that they are the "bridesmaid" and not the bride. Everything they do is to build up the bride, which is "Christ's church". We held clinics in two different churches, one in rural Quichua church and the other in an urban church in Quito. There are many things which I was introduced to in this course that are very valuable for our ministry here among the

Quechua, for hosting short term teams, both medical and non-medical as well as for safety of my family.

One of our dreams is to have a small clinic on the training center especially for Quechua folks to feel comfortable to come to. The Quechua people are still discriminated against and viewed as the lowest in society and therefore are fearful to go to a medical doctor in the city. They would much prefer to go to a witch doctor or suffer through the pain than be treated by folks who just do not seem to care.

We have now been on the field for four years including our time in Costa Rica for language study. We are blessed to have a strong support team in prayer and financial support. We are very thankful to God for each one of you and want you to know how we remember you as well as we share the gospel with our Quechua friends.

Love in Christ,

Larry and Sandra Rockwell



- ☆ For God's amazing grace that has kept us going these last three years here in Peru.
- ☆ For the beneficial time Larry had in Ecuador at the Advanced Medical Leadership Training.
- ☆ For God's protection over Larry in his travels and over Sandy and the kids while he was gone.
- ☆ For a fun cooking class that Sandy gave to the ladies from the church where Larry preaches on Thursdays.
- ☆ That Anna continues to adjust to the culture.
- ☆ For good friends here who have helped us in so many ways.
- ☆ For finally being able to get a better internet service.
- ☆ For Arturo, who recently surrendered to God's call.
- ☆ That we turned over the house in Monterrey without any big problems.
- ☆ For a great family time at Easter.
- ☆ For the discovery of a good pediatrician.
- ☆ That God has brought together such an incredible team of faithful supporters that enable us to continue in the ministry here.



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* * * * * P R A Y E R R E Q U E S T S (One for each Day) * * * * *

April

15 - Pray that God would guide us with regard to the group that meets in Monterrey. The lease on our meeting place is up the end of April and we will need a new place to meet if we are to continue the ministry there.

16 - There have been many, many distractions that have kept us from really being as dedicated as we should be to school. Pray we would be disciplined in order to finish the school year well.

17 - The health of the kids, especially Mackenzie and Jonathan, has really been terrible recently. They have both been struggling with severe pulmonary infections and bronchitis. Pray for a full recovery and protection over all our health.

18 - Philippians 4:11 says that Paul had learned to be content in all circumstances. Pray that we would also learn this very valuable and necessary lesson.

19 - Larry preaches on Thursday nights at a church in Huaraz called Divino Redentor (Divine Redeemer). Pray the people who hear the message would be encouraged and put into practice what they hear.

20 - We will be in Collahuasi this afternoon teaching a handful of adults and between 10-20 children. Pray that God's Spirit would take what is taught and turn this village upside down.

21 - Pray that our small team would gel together and grow in unity and love.

22 - There are very many divisions among the evangelicals; this hurts the spread of the gospel. Pray for unity of the Spirit to be a visible testimony of God's grace to the unbelievers here.

23 - Pray Proverbs 14:29 for the girls that they would be slow to anger and great in understanding.

24 - Ermogenes and family continue to press on in their study of the "Abundant Life". Pray for his son, Yuler, age 12, who



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has a deep interest in spiritual things.

25 - Anna is adjusting more and more to the culture here. Pray for her as she polishes her Spanish and builds new relationships.

26 - God would give us wisdom in dealing with the increase in requests for help from a variety of people.

27 - We are thankful for Pablo who has been helping us in Collahuasi. Pray that God would strengthen him as he ministers in many different capacities.

28 - Pray for us as parents to a teenager, a nine year old and a toddler.

29 - Larry's dad arrives today for a two-week visit and to help us with some projects around the training center. Pray for his safety as he travels. This is his first visit to a third world country.

30 - Recently, with all that have been going on there has not been any time left for his Quechua lessons. Pray that there would be no more impediments to his studies.

May

1 - Today is Labor Day here so we are going on an outing with the Divine Redeemer church. Pray for safety and a relaxing, fun time as well as a time to build relationships among the church members.

2 - Back to work today. Pray for Larry as

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team leader to have much discernment in planning and decision-making.

3 – Pray for Larry's dad's visit to be enjoyable and safe. Especially pray that he has no problems with the altitude.

4 – Larry preached at a very small church in a town called, Carhuaz (the ice cream capital of the area) recently. This town is known for being in bondage to alcohol. Pray for the pastor and his family of this small church to be encouraged to press on in spite of the many difficulties they face.

5 – Pray God would continue to strengthen and grow our love for the Quechua people and view them with God's eyes.

6 – We are so thankful that Arturo, a young man Larry had Bible study with and who was coming to our group in Monterrey for a



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while, has become a believer. He has expressed a desire to help Larry when he goes to the villages. Pray that God would protect this young believer in his new faith and that his desire to serve would increase.

7 – Pray God would strengthen Sandy as she teaches the girls each day.

8 – Please keep Scott and Megan Dillon in your prayers as they await the birth of their daughter in July and are raising support to join our team.

9 – Pray 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 for each of us today. That we would be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong and that all we do would be done in the Lord.

10 – Lynae taught in Collahuasi for the first time recently and did a great job. Pray God would continue to nurture this gift in her.

11 – Mackenzie has a wonderful gift with babies and toddlers. Pray she would continue to grow in this area.

12 - Pray that our family would grow in unity and love and that we would be a witness to our neighbors.

13 – Pray Galatians 6:9 for us today as the group in Monterrey has dwindled to very few.

14 – that God would raise up more young men like Pablo and Arturo to join us in this work.

15 – That we would keep our eyes on Jesus as it says in Hebrews 12:1-3 and run the race with endurance.



Cooking meals in the street of Collahuasi