



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

The messengers of Christ to the Quechua

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Dear Faithful Warriors,

Isaiah 41:10 says: *"Do not fear for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."* We know from experience how easy it is to fear and be anxious and need to be reminded almost on a minute by minute basis that the all powerful, all knowing, creator of the universe is our God. Then we have the promise of His faithfulness to reassure us even more. What more could we ask for or need?

The rain has stopped and we are now in the dry season, the other season. The hillsides are beginning to turn golden with wheat ready to harvest and brown where things are beginning to dry up. Most days the skies are cloudless and the sun brilliant. The temperatures never get much above the low 70's although it feels much warmer because the sun's rays are much stronger here as we are up so high and the air is so thin. It is also much colder at night these days dropping down into the 30's before dawn. The thought of-

ten comes to us as to how the Quechua suffer with the cold in their adobe homes.

Larry will be experiencing the whole gamut of the life of the Quechua as he (and at times the whole family) will be staying for a few days each week in a village in order to improve his Quechua and learn more of the life of our Quechua friends. We are also excited about the possibilities that are opening up to do some agricultural projects in order to meet the physical needs of the people while also having an opportunity to share biblical truths about topics such as stewardship, as well as the gospel of Christ.

On the family front, we have finished another school year by God's grace. It was very challenging at times due to moving and other things that came up during the year. We are so thankful for the school room we are able to have and thank God for sustaining us through it all. It is hard to believe that Lynae will be starting high school next year and Mackenzie will be in the 5th grade. We are still adjusting to living in the city, but are finding that there are advantages. One of these is that Lynae (now 13) is able to take piano lessons and Mackenzie (9 soon to be 10) is able to take ballet. Lynae is still an avid reader while Mackenzie's favorite past time still seems to be playing dolls. They both enjoy anything creative like making jewelry, card making and putting on dramatic productions. Their creativity never ceases to amaze us. Jonathan continues to grow and is a joy. He is 18 months old and very much a boy. He hasn't started to talk yet but we figure that could be due to the fact that he is processing two languages at the same time. He is saying some words in Spanish and some in English so it is at times a little difficult to figure out what he wants which usually ends in some screaming on his part in order to try to get his message across. Sufficient to say it is not very quiet around our house.



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The verse in the background is Matthew 11:28-30 hanging from a real yoke.

We continue to see the many difficulties faced when God calls a Quechua person to Himself. One of these is that many times God will be at work in the life of a woman but her husband will be very resistant making it very difficult for her to attend Bible study causing

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Mackenzie, Anna & Lynae

her to doubt what she has learned. Being an evangelical Christian for the people in the villages means cutting ties with their whole culture. We Americans with our cultural background of religious tolerance and separation

of church and state have a very hard time relating to this. We see it evidenced in a hundred different ways every day in the different festivals, the shrines in the post office and the government buildings, and in the rituals still practiced today. For example, they still believe that if someone is ill instead of going to a doctor they will go to a shaman (a witch doctor) so that he or she can run a cuy (a guinea pig) over the person's body then cut it open and whatever organ is bad within the cuy is where the person's trouble lies. Facing these kinds of obstacles causes us to turn to verses like Isaiah 41:10 as a reminder of where we need to continually keep our focus. This is a work only God can accomplish. Praise be to Him as we do see His hand at work. This past month, Herli, a

young woman from Collahuasi, has begun a new life in Christ. She has begun reaching out to others and has a desire to see her village changed by the gospel. We are seeing how God is moving in the hearts of these folks demonstrating what only His power through his word and spirit can do. Many times we feel very helpless. Yet realizing more and more that God will not fail, He is faithful. He continually reminds us that it is not by might or by power but by His Spirit. It is humbling and we're slowly learning that He wants us to be that way.

To be honest we have been blessed perhaps even given too much if it is possible having grown up and lived in the U.S. and then coming to a culture that has suffered from slavery, long term terrorism, draughts, poverty and perhaps above all corruption. Yet we press on by the grace of God. 1 Corinthians 15:58 says: *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."* And so we encourage you in whatever situation you find yourselves to remember Isaiah 41:10 and this verse and keep pressing on in the strength of God's Spirit.

With much love,

Larry, Sandy, Lynae, Mackenzie and Jonathan

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- o For a God who always has a plan.
- o For a wonderfully, terrific time with Larry's dad and especially that he didn't suffer any bad effects from the altitude.
- o For our terrific neighbors, Janet and Oscar Huarac, who ran an extension cord to our house for our refrigerator so we wouldn't lose all our food after someone stole the electric line outside the center leaving us without power for 9 days.
- o That Jonathan and Mackenzie have fully recovered from their respiratory problems.
- o For the opportunity we have to speak at the regional meeting of the Evangelical Churches of Peru this month.
- o For a productive planning meeting with our team leader regarding future ministry in Huaraz.
- o For God's faithfulness as we finish the school year this month.
- o For all the safety He provides in our travels. We know there are angels watching over us.
- o That God has opened Herli's heart to the gospel. She is a young woman from Collahuasi who is studying at the university in Huaraz.
- o For each and every one of you. You are our Aaron and Hur.



Larry with a Farmer

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June

15 – Larry will be traveling to Lima to pick up 3 men from a church who are coming to investigate the possibility of beginning a long-term relationship with the ministry here. Please pray for safety as they travel to Huaraz. Please pray that God would reveal His vision for the Quechua to these men in the few days they will be with us.

16 – Sandy will be speaking to the women of Divine Redeemer today on the importance of women in the home and their commitment to God. Please pray for clarity of speech as it is always challenging teaching in another language and that God would use His word to strengthen these precious women.

17 – Every Sunday there is at least one neighborhood where the people parade with a band behind a shrine to some saint. The spiritual blindness and idolatry is very comparable to that seen in the Old Testament. Please pray that God would open the eyes of the "blind" to their spiritual emptiness that only Christ can fill.

18 – Anna has begun going out into our neighborhood on Monday afternoons to read Bible stories to any of the children who will listen. Please pray that God would build a hunger for the truth in the hearts of these little ones even as Anna's Spanish improves.

19 – Please pray Isaiah 26:3-4 for each one in our family today that we would be steadfast of mind and trusting in the Lord so that we will experience His peace.

20 – Our 3 visitors will be taking the bus back to Lima today, please pray that Lord would use the 7-hour bus trip to recall all they experienced while they were here.

21 – A good friend of ours, Guadalupe, is battling a recurrence of cancer which has now shown up in her brain. Her husband is a believer but we are unsure about her spiritual condition. Please pray for her salvation and also that they would recognize God's sovereignty in the midst of their suffering.

22 – Praise God for our 22nd year of marriage.

23 – Today is the regional gathering of the Evangelical Church of Peru here in Huaraz. Please pray Philippians 2:1-8 over these meetings.

24 – Presbytery will continue through today.

25 – Please pray for our relationship with the few other missionaries serving here to be glorifying to God and demonstrate His love to one another in

order to be a good testimony to the Peruvians around us.

26 – Larry is looking into several possibilities of places to stay for a few days at time in a village in order to improve his Quechua and also begin a Bible study where there

is no evangelical witness. Please pray for wisdom as to where this would be most effective.

27 – As we countdown to the arrival of the team of 26 coming from our home church, please pray for protection over our health, as well as for those on the team.

28 – A daily prayer request is always for protection as we travel.

29 – Please pray that the Lord would protect the few adult believers in Collahuasi from false doctrine taught by false preachers.

30 – Please pray through 2 Corinthians 4 for us today especially that God would open the eyes of the perishing who are being blinded by the god of this world.



God's Creation.

July

1 – We have suspended meeting in Monterrey for the time being. Please pray that we would be wise regarding the direction, if any, we should take there.

2 - There is a young man in Collahuasi who had been faithfully attending the study when he suddenly stopped coming due to doing some things he was embarrassed about. Please pray for Enrique to come to an understanding of God's grace and forgiveness through the Bible study Larry teaches.

3 – Virgilio recently attended the Bible study in Jauna at the home of Ermogenes. Please pray that in spite of his weariness he would continue to be drawn by the Spirit to desire more of the truth.

4 – Happy Independence Day! Remember to pray for our soldiers serving over seas.

5 – Larry will be preaching tonight at Diving Redeemer Church. Please pray for the relationships we are building with this congregation to bear much fruit for the kingdom of God.

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6 – Please pray Colossians 3:12-17 for our small team.

7 – A group of 26 from our home church in Greensboro will be traveling to Lima today. Please pray protection over their health and safety in their travels and also that they would get through Customs with no problems.

8 – Today the team will be traveling by bus up to Huaraz. Please pray for no one to suffer from motion sickness and all to arrive safely.

9 – Many Quechua women are open to the Gospel, but their husbands are not which makes things very difficult for them. Please pray that their husbands would be won without a word by their godly behavior.

10 – We will be with the team in Collahuasi today ministering to the physical needs of their animals as well as the physical needs of the people at the same time as we offer a vacation bible school for the children and show the Jesus film in Quechua to the adults. Please pray for God's Spirit to be evident in everything we do.

11 – Recently, another evangelical group has been trying to put legalistic rules on the women attending the study in Collahuasi regarding wearing pants and jewelry. Please pray for Larry and Pablo as they teach that God's Spirit would help them to clearly explain the freedom we have in Christ.

12 – The team will be in Jauna today and tomorrow do the same thing as in Collahuasi. Please pray that all would go smoothly as we have never had a veterinary team come before and have been told that the people here would rather have their animals treated than be treated themselves.

13 – Please pray that as we return to Jauna today that through meeting the felt needs of the people including for their animals that God would open many doors for the gospel in this community.

14 – Today we will be in a community called Huaycor where we have taken a medical team about a year ago. Then they were very resistant to having evangelicals in their community. Please pray that God would open the hearts of some to desire to be-

gin a Bible study and offer a place where it can be held.

15 – Larry is going to begin some agricultural projects together with one of the leaders from Divine Redeemer. Please pray that through meeting the physical needs of the people the gospel would have a greater impact in their lives.

16 – Today we will be in a new community where the small evangelical church is struggling. Please pray that we would be an encouragement to the pastor there and that old wounds would be healed.

17 – Please pray 2 Chronicles 7:14 specifically for Huaraz that God would cause the people to repent and seek the Lord and that He would forgive their sin and heal this land.

18 – The team travels back to Lima on the bus today and then onto the airport and back home. Please pray for safety in their travels and also that God would use all they experienced here to grow their faith and possibly call some to full time missions.

19 – Please pray that Herli would grow in her new faith and be a light for Christ to her friends at the university and also in Collahuasi.



We send love to you all, and would like to close with this prayer of Calvin's that is found in his Golden Booklet of the True Christian Life.

Almighty God and Father, grant unto us, because we have to go through much strife on this earth, the strength of thy Holy Spirit, in order that we may courageously go through the fire, and through the water, and that we may put ourselves so under thy rule that we may go to meet death in full confidence of thy assistance and without fear.

Grant us also that we may bear all hatred and enmity of mankind, until we have gained the last victory, and that we may at last come to that blessed rest which thy only begotten Son has acquired for us through his blood. Amen.