



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

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Dear Friends,

Winter is coming to an end here in the Andes Mountains. As we look over the many ways the Lord has blessed us these months, one thing sticks out in our mind- "joy". There is that joy in the work the Lord has called us to. It is a joy of the Salvation we have in Christ but also the Joy of knowing the Lord and His promise to be with us to the end... "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always , even to the end of the age." Matt.28:20 There is that Joy that we are doing what the Lord has called us to!

We have seen spiritual growth in the lives of some of the Quechua folks we have been teaching and mentoring. While there always seems to be things that could disappoint us; the Lord has given us that privilege to see change and spiritual growth. Some making hard decisions as they seek to follow Christ.

My Quechua tutor who has shown a strong commitment to follow Christ has testified of the peace he now has in his life and continues to want to learn and live in freedom with Christ instead of the slavery he felt in bondage to a life of sin.

It is a joy for me to work with him several times a week as he also teaches others the things I have been teaching him. I ask for you to keep praying for Justino. It is a very obvious work of God in His life; it is exciting to watch Him work through issues and learn how to follow Jesus on a daily basis.

Also, we have seen some of our Quechua friends from Collahuasi, where we teach Bible studies weekly now attending church in Huaraz with us at Divine Redeemer.

We have been learning more and more in the "school of patience" with these folks. Some had great interest at times and then it appears that they slip away. We are understanding more and more how God is not letting them go but HE is more patient with them than we are. HE is faithful and His sovereign purpose will be fulfilled in their lives as well as ours.

We have had some short term teams here this past winter to minister to the pains and aches of many who have lost confidence in the "health" system here in Huaraz. The experience of having teams is always very hard work for all including the team members. The members on the teams have told us they have been blessed to be here and experience the culture as well as see another side of the world. I guess what I see is Christ's body rubbing shoulders with a people group who live in another "time" so to speak. Yet the Gospel is still true for every one of them just as it is true for each of us.

Seeing the short term team members come and serve alongside us as well as touching the hands, feet and personal lives of those who are very sheltered in some respects is amazing to me. Not everyone comes with the same vision but most leave with a new perspective of the Quechua and their struggles both physical as well as spiritual. It is anywhere from very hard to seemingly impossible. The short term teams are changed the most. We have seen more and more the way the Lord has been opening up people's hearts and minds to their own spiritual needs as we visit them and they let us into their lives. There are some very deep hurts and burdens they carry and do not know who to go to.

One Quechua lady whose name was Bertalinda recently died. I used to take her fresh bread and stop to say hello and share a verse from the Bible in Quechua. She was monolingual in Quechua. This week I found out that she has just died. She died of Bronchial Pneumonia. I had not visited her for two weeks due to having medical teams (ironically) and other work. We did not go to her village with the Medical team. When I heard from her son who is 60 some years old that she died of Bronchial Pnuemonia, it tore my heart that we did not know and that she most probably did not receive very good treatment if any. I had just taken a picture of her a few weeks prior with her son.

Discipleship has been our focus with whoever the Lord puts in our path. The Scriptures assure us over and over of the power and purpose for transforming lives. We



Justino sharing the word.

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**The Rockwells October 2007
Sandy and Larry
Mackenzie, Lynae and Jonathan,**

may have forgotten that what we call the great commission in Matthew 28 was basic Discipleship but with the promise that Jesus would be with us always. If this is true that He will be with us to the end, then it is only obvious that these are our directions to the end as well to make disciples.

J. Hudson Taylor wrote: "I am more than ever convinced that if we were to take the directions of our

Master and the assurances He gave to His first disciples more fully as our guide, we should find them to be just as suited to our times as to those in which they were originally given."

We thank each and every one of you for your prayers, notes of encouragement and financial support. We feel indebted to you for your love for the Gospel as you have faithfully given to help keep us on the field. We do not take that lightly but also offer prayers for you and yours.

I ask for your prayers for Sandra, Lynae, Mackenzie and Jonathan as I am away in November to the MTW Global Missions Conference, November 16-18.

Larry, Sandy

Lynae, Mackenzie and Jonathan



Mackenzie and Jonathan

*** * * PRAISES * * ***

- ◆ For a great little get away generously provided for by our home church while good friends cared for the kids.
- ◆ For a productive and encouraging time with a medical team from Bay Area Pres. in Houston, TX.
- ◆ For a good strong start to the school year.
- ◆ For the interest expressed by several people in the villages we visited with the medical team in wanting to study God's Word.
- ◆ For Justino's servant heart.
- ◆ For safety in our travels.
- ◆ For our health.
- ◆ For the love and prayers you each shower on us daily which is very humbling.
- ◆ That our great God never changes.



**Libby, Lynae & Mackenzie
having fun**

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1 – One of our co-workers, Ellen Wroughton, was recently diagnosed with a malignant glioblastoma multi-form which is a deadly cancerous brain tumor. Pray for this family (her husband, Jim, and their 2 college age daughters, Elizabeth and Katherine) as they pass through this difficult time.

2 – For the next couple of days we will be meeting with 2 couples regarding the possibility of joining our team. Pray for wisdom and discernment in these discussions.

3 – Pray Philippians 4:11-13 for Lynae and Mackenzie that their contentment would be in Christ and not have to come from their circumstances.

4 – Justino is growing in his faith and is a huge encouragement to us. Pray that God would protect him from temptations and

5 – Anna and Sandy are rotating teaching the children in Collahuasi on Fridays. Today Anna is teaching. Pray that God would build in those that have been faithfully attending a biblical base that will bear much fruit in the days, months and years to come.

6 – Larry will be meeting in a village called Hualcor to begin a Bible study today. We began trying to make contact in this village more than a year ago and met much resistance, but with time and more visits, including short-term medical teams they are now expressing a desire to have a Bible study.

7 – Much prayer is needed for the evangelical churches here as the pastors have no training in basic Bible doctrine and therefore the people have no idea what they believe or why and are drawn mainly by the emotionalism present in just about every evangelical church here.

8 – We are still waiting on the judge to finish the paperwork for us to get Jonathan's birth certificate. We know that God will provide it at the exact moment we need it, however, please continue to pray that the judge's heart would be moved.

9 – Please continue to pray for Lucho, the young man we've written about who was having marital problems. He has recently gotten back together with his wife, however, they haven't been attending church. Pray for this couple that they would make God the center of their marriage and commit themselves to Him as well.

10 – Anna will be starting to teach a small class of 4-5 year olds in a village where we recently went with the

medical team. At first the teacher was very hesitant because it is a government school and need to be sure that what she is teaching goes along with their catechism. After seeing the curriculum the teacher said she could come. Pray especially for the teacher's heart to be drawn by the Holy Spirit to know more about the gospel.



11 – Lynae's best friend from Costa Rica (who now lives in the US) will be here for a visit for 10 days while her dad, a missionary with Barnabas International, visits with other missionaries in Peru. Pray that their time together would be uplifting and beneficial for both of them and that Mackenzie would not feel left out.

12 – One of our supporting churches has given us a gift to do a project where we will be buying shoes and socks for the kids in the villages where we are working. Today Sandy will be teaching a lesson on Romans 10:13-16 about how beautiful the feet are of those who bring the "good news". We will be tracing their feet to get the right size shoes; however, it will be a surprise for them. We pray that God would touch the hearts of some of these children to be missionaries some day.

13 – Pray James 1:2-6 for us as it seems that wisdom is our biggest need all the time.

14 – Pray that our family would be an encouragement to the people at Divine Redeemer to have an outward focus toward the Quechua in some of the surrounding villages.

15 – During these months there are many festivals celebrating the patron saints of each community. Accompanying these celebrations are parades with bands and bombs fired into the sky throughout the days and nights. Along with all of this of course is the flowing of much beer and their fermented corn drink, Chicha. Pray for the Christians in these communities to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to stand firm, not participate and be a testimony to their family and friends.



Oscar

***** PRAYER REQUESTS (continued) *****

16 – Pray for the health of Ermogenes as he weans himself off of high doses of Prednisone for his rheumatoid arthritis.

17 – We will be spending 2 days with our friend, Terry Bloemsma, the father of Lynae's friend. Pray that as we visit and pray together that God would encourage our hearts and renew our zeal for His work here.

18 – Please continue to pray for Larry as he presses on in his study of Quechua.

19 – Lynae's friend, Libby and her father will be leaving today to visit Macchu Picchu. Please for Lynae and Mackenzie as they say good-bye to this special friend. Also pray for safety in travel for the Bloemsma family.



Street in Recuay

20 – Acts 14:22 describe how Paul and Barnabas strengthened and encouraged the believers to continue in the faith. Pray that we would do the same first within our family and then to the other believers around us.

21 – Remembering 1 John 1:8-9 Pray that God would continually reveal our sin to us that we might stay in a continual state of repentance and walk with Him in the light.

22 – As Jonathan grows and develops Pray for us to be consistent in our discipline of him. We are learning how different this little boy is from our girls when they were little or maybe it's just the difference in our ages this time around.

23 – In this culture where everyone thinks they already know Jesus it is difficult to communicate how life changing a relationship with Him can be. Pray Ephesians 1:18 for the Quechua that God would enlighten the eyes of their hearts to the hope in His calling them to Himself.

24 – Larry will now be preaching on Wednesday nights as the church has changed their schedule. Pray that as he teaches from the book of Nehemiah on leadership that the Holy Spirit would touch the hearts of the young men to step out in ministry.

25 – Larry and Justino have begun a Bible study in Huallcor. Pray that God's word would transform and by His Spirit break the bonds of alcoholism and idolatry that hold most of the people captive.

26 – Today is Lynae's 14th birthday. Please pray that God would continue to grow her faith and mold her into the godly woman He desires her to be.

27 – Scott and Meghan Dillon are pressing on raising their support. Pray that God would strengthen their spirits and affirm their call.

28 – Pray Ephesians 4:31-32 for us today as well as for all the evangelicals here because only when the believers show love for one another in Christ will the unbelievers begin to take notice and want to know more of the gospel.

29 – Continue to pray that God would raise up more men who speak both Spanish and Quechua with servant hearts that desire that their people hear the gospel in their heart language.

30 – We are entering into rainy season and always appreciate your prayers for God's protection as we travel to the villages as well as in town.

31 – Pray that we would live each day in the resurrection power that is available to all His children.

With much love,

Larry, Sandy, Lynae, Mackenzie and Jonathan

Galatians 2:20 – "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me."



Girl in Huallcor