



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

The messengers of Christ to the Quechua

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2 Corinthians 9:8-15

Dear Co-workers and Friends,

We need to join together and give praise to God for His abundant love and grace He has shown to us and those whom we have been privileged to share the Gospel. He has blessed and watched over us in innumerable ways. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! 2 Cor.9:15

We have given you some highlights and asked for your prayers throughout this year for the many trials and blessings we have had the privilege to be a part of. We have been writing to you about some of the individuals God has been calling to Himself as we have shared the truths of the Gospel with them. Some of them you will remember by name, Nila , a Quechua woman from a small pueblo called Collahuasi, Ermogenes , a young man who suffers from severe Rhuematoid arthritis. Hurley, a young Quechua girl who is also from Collahuasi. Mari, who has three young children, Lucero, Heidi and Lee. Francesca, one of the elder Quechua women who come to sit out on the street each time to hear the children's message.

These folks are some of the young tender shoots that the Lord has been watering through the hearing of His word each week as we go to their communities. Many others have come and are coming, some regularly, and others not so regular.

What we continue to notice is the huge change in attitude that the local folks have toward us as we go to their villages week after week. It appears that we have been accepted as part of their lives. In fact some of them offer us potatoes, beans, bread or whatever they have as a way of saying: "You are welcome in our community."

It has made a huge difference for us to be able to go to a Quechua village and have them hold out their hand of welcome first. I was in the states for the MTW Global Missions Conference and actually was away for a couple of weeks from the Quechua villages. Upon my return, I was gladly surprised to see how

some people wondered where I had been and seemed very happy I was back.

Recently, Sandra and I were invited to a Quechua home where we now hold our Adult Bible teaching. We had been invited the week before and asked to come early. Not knowing exactly what to expect; we agreed to go early so as not to interrupt the Bible Study time. As we walked into the humble home of Nicolas and his wife, we were asked to sit down as they brought us a lunch prepared as they normally would. The difference this time, we were celebrating Nicolas's 75th birthday.

As we sat at the table and tried to consume all that was placed before us (we surrendered to the fact that we could not eat it all); Nicolas began to tell us all he had learned from the time he had begun reading the Bible. While we kept eating, Nicolas continued to give me a survey of the Old Testament. I was dumfounded. He surprised me that he had been so interested in reading. What is more interesting is that Nicolas was not attending our weekly Bible studies for a long time. Rather, what was happening was his daughters, Hurley and Mari were going back to his house after our Bible studies and teaching and encouraging him in the things they were discovering and learning.

Nicolas, told us he never had that kind of teaching before. He now saw things differently than that he had heard from the traditions he had been taught. Nicolas had asked me if we had a Bible with larger print. His eyesight was getting worse. The day of his 75th Birthday, we gave him both a Quechua New Testament and a Spanish Bible that was large print. His first words with a huge smile on his face were: "Now I can read better and take my Bible with me to the field every day." How good is our God to keep His word and water it daily in the hearts of His people. Many other Quechua folks who do not speak much Spanish if any have been coming to our studies now that they hear in their heart language.



Hurley's family

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I thought much about what Nicolas said and it gave me the idea of seeing about getting the Quechua Bible put on CD form with a native speaker reading it. This would be something that all those Quechua folks who will probably never have the opportunity to read then could listen to.

I ask for your prayers for this project. Perhaps you have listened to books on tape or CD. This would be the same idea. We would then purchase battery powered MP3 players and if available solar powered ones to distribute. The goal would be to get one in each families home.

We are supposed to be in the rainy season now. This usually means that we would get at least a couple hours of rain each

day in the afternoon hours. It has been unusually dry this year. We are in spring time here in the Andes. Most all of the planting has been done. Without rain, their crops, there food supply will not be sufficient. When it is dry and cold, the early morning hours bring frost and killing of those tender plants.

While we cannot honestly report large numbers of known converts, we do give thanks to the Lord for His promises and for sustaining us through tough times of "plowing". We want to thank each and every one of you for your prayers and sacrifice in supporting us financially.



Children of Juana

We owe all to the Lord for protecting our family in so many ways both on the streets, those high mountain paths they call roads and for His grace each day to perform the work before us.

We ask for your prayers for Divine Redeemer, the little church where we fellowship. I have the privilege of teaching and preaching there weekly. Sometimes it seems to be a huge burden to be honest. I

wonder at times if anything is being transmitted from my weak way of communicating to the hearts of the hearers. During this Christmas season, I have even struggled more. I have thought so much of the need to communicate all of who Christ is and not just the little piece that is heard every year without a

context to His great redemption story that affects us! Please pray for this little church that struggles with lots of broken families and hurting hearts that Jesus would heal through His word.

Please join us wherever you are in giving thanks to the Lord for His abundant love to us and the joy we share in proclaiming it! There is so much more to tell. You will have to wait until the next letter. We praise the Lord for every opportunity we have in giving forth the "Word".

Yours in our soon Coming Lord,

Larry, Sandra, Lynae, Mackenzie and Jonathan

* * * * PRAISES * * * *

- o For a safe trip to the US and back for Larry.
- o For the good family time Larry was able to have while in the US.
- o For all the people Larry was able to connect with at MTW's Global Missions Conference in Atlanta.
- o That Sandy is doing much better emotionally following the robbery and is pretty much back to normal.
- o That all of the documents that were stolen have already been replaced with minimal hassle thanks to all your prayers.
- o For the safety Sandy and the kids experienced during the 3 weeks Larry was gone.
- o That our neighbor and friend, Oscar, is doing much better health wise and so far the tests haven't revealed anything serious.
- o For a fun time at Thanksgiving as we counted our many blessings over the past year.
- o For Jonathan's 2nd birthday celebrated with friends.
- o That we have been able to gather all the paperwork necessary to start the final adoption process.
- o For a terrific time with our friend, Darren Silvestri, from Delaware.
- o For safety and good health.
- o For the time we had with Anna these past 10 months.
- o For all the great teams we had this past year and all they accomplished.

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15 – Our lawyer now has all the necessary documents to draw up the final adoption request for Jonathan. However, the court support personnel are on indefinite strike. Pray for the necessary legal steps to be completed smoothly.

16 – Pray John 15:4-5 that we would continually abide in Christ and realize that without Him we can do nothing.

17 – Today is Sandy's mom's birthday. Pray that her health would continue to be stable in order that she might see the girls once more and Jonathan when we get home on furlough.

18 – Today we will be serving hot chocolate and Christmas breads in Jauna along with a Christmas presentation of the gospel. Pray God would open the hearts of many more in this community to desire to study His word.

19 – Justino is leaving to go to the coast to work for two months. Please pray that he would remain firm in his faith and not give in to temptation as he will not have any other Christians around him.

20 – With Justino leaving that means Larry will be working alone again. Pray that the Lord would raise up another Quechua speaker to work along side Larry so that the studies can be presented in both languages.

21 – Today we will be serving hot chocolate in Collahuasi. Pray the same thing as on the 18th when we were in Jauna.

22 – Pray Colossians 3:16 for Larry today as he will be preaching tomorrow at Divine Redeemer. That God's word would dwell richly in him as he teaches and admonishes with wisdom.

23 – Please join us as we continue to pray that God would raise up more men with servant hearts, bilingual in Spanish and Quechua who desire to reach the people in the tiny villages throughout the mountains surrounding Huaraz.

24 – Today, here, as in most of Latin America, is the real celebration of Christmas. Many will attend midnight mass or at least stay up until midnight when

they will gather with family and friends for a meal and sharing of gifts. This will be accompanied by the shooting off of loud firework bombs. Tomorrow will be quiet with most of the celebrating over. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit would pierce the idolatry surrounding every holiday and the truth would be revealed.

25 – Merry Christmas!! May God's greatest love gift be present in your hearts and in remembering that without His birth He could not have been the perfect sacrifice at His death to bridge the gap between our sinful selves and His holy perfect Father.

26 – We will be enjoying a quiet family day today and Larry will be preaching this evening. Pray for open hearts to receive God's message.

27 – Pray for us as parents to keep our priorities in order and not let the ministry and other things push out time together sharing and listening to each others' hearts.

28 – Pray for Larry as he looks forward to the New Year and begins planning for short-term teams and leadership training seminars.

29 – Our co-worker, Ellen Wroughton, is continuing with treatment for her multiple brain tumors. Her husband, Jim, recently came back to close up the rental house they had just moved into. Please continue to lift up this whole family.

30 – Larry is preaching today and tomorrow at Divine Redeemer. Pray that all would be encouraged to follow hard after God in the coming year.

31 – We constantly need prayers for safety as we travel around town and out into the villages.

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1 – Happy New Year! May the Lord find us all faithfully serving Him in whatever He has put before us during the coming year.



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2 – As we seek the Lord for people to join the team here Pray that we would have His eyes and wisdom regarding those He wants serving here.

3 – Pray 1 Thessalonians 5:14 & 15 regarding our relationships in our family, on our team and with those we are ministering to and hope to minister to that we would be encouragers.

4 – Pray especially on Tuesdays and Fridays for the children and adults that attend the Bible studies in Jauna and Collahuasi that the Holy Spirit would place a desire in each one to spread the good news they are learning to others in their communities.

5 – Pray 1 John 3:18 for our family that we would not love just with words but in action that others would be drawn to Christ.

6 – Recently there was a huge banner hanging in the center of town announcing the coming of an evangelist who supposedly works miracles. The sign actually said, "Come and receive your miracle." This makes being an evangelical very difficult here because in this culture you are either Catholic or evangelical which includes the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and every other cult you can imagine. Pray that God would pierce through all the lies with the truth of His word.

7 – School continues to go well although with the holidays and all, there have been many distractions. Pray we can all stay focused and continue to make good progress.

8 – There has been an increasing number of children (about 40 from 2 to 15 years of age) attending the Bible lessons in Jauna. Right now we are meeting in a little alcove outside the Catholic Church, however, with the rains coming and the increased number this will not be sufficient. Pray that God would provide a more adequate meeting place.

9 – Larry continues to preach at Divine Redeemer on Wednesday nights. Pray that God would continue to give him the messages that will encourage the folks that come.

10 – Pray today that we would believe God more and base our decisions and actions on that.

11 – Pray for the husbands or Nila and Mari in Collahuasi that God would draw them by his Holy Spirit to a saving knowledge of Christ.

12 – Pray for Scott and Meghan Dillon to be encouraged and persevere as they are raising support to come and work with us here.

13 – Larry's cousin, Danae, will be visiting over the next couple of weeks. Pray for her safety as she travels around Peru and that our visit would be encouraging to all.



Typical Quechua Stove

14 – Jonathan is definitely 2 years old. Pray for stamina and consistency in discipline as we seek to mold his character.

15 – Please continue to pray that the Lord would provide opportunities for Lynae to make some new friends.

Here is a prayer written by Samuel Johnson on January 1, 1770. It is a good one to start the new year with.

"Almighty God, by whose mercy I am permitted to behold the beginning of another year, succor with Thy help, and bless with Thy favour, the creature whom Thou vouchsafest to preserve. Mitigate, if it shall seem best to Thee, the diseases of my body, and compose the disorders of my mind. Dispel my terrors; and grant that the time which Thou shalt yet allow me may not pass unprofitably away. Let not pleasure seduce me. Let me perform to Thy glory, and the good of my fellow-creatures, the work which Thou shalt yet appoint me; and grant that, as I draw nearer to my dissolution, I may, by the help of the Holy Spirit, feel my knowledge of Thee increased, my hope exalted, and my faith strengthened; that when the hour which is coming shall come, I may pass by a holy death to everlasting happiness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

We love you.