



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

The messengers of Christ to the Quechua

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Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Psalm 86:6-10

Dear Faithful Prayer Partners,

We are overfilled with joy to let you know that the Lord has heard our prayers and granted the adoption of Jonathan! His adoption is now complete and we have his birth certificate! It has been a long process but we are confident that the Lord has used every step of the process for good and not for evil. His official name is Jonathan Elliot Chaski Rockwell. Chaski being a Quechua name meaning: "to receive" or "messenger". Only the Lord knows what he has planned for this young boy one day but I trust that he will be used as a messenger of the Lord in many ways.

As I looked into the rear view mirror of my vehicle, I saw many smiling faces and hands waving. They were the hands and faces of the **Quechua** folks who live in the highlands of the Andes. Our focus was one Quechua village, Hualacor. They received a week worth of **'intensive care'** from a team of dedicated short term missionaries. We were received with open arms and humble hearts. The VBS team was guided by many talented people. We even had a theatre director!

It was a privilege to have a Veterinarian on the team. Who attended to the health needs

of several animals including, many pigs, sheep, donkeys, and guinea pigs. Animals are probably second highest in rank in regards to the value system of the Quechua. I have heard it said that a Quechua person rarely will cry, until one of their own animals is sick or dies. With great reason, they depend on the animals for their own food, transporting wood, crops and plowing their fields. So when their animals are attended to it is as if you are caring for their own children.



Jonathan's Birth Certificate & Passport

In the medical part of the ministry we visited the villagers, going house to house. We saw folks suffering from body aches, tumors, eye cataracts, skin diseases and upper respiratory infections. There were two house visits I hope to never forget. One was with a young mother, Rosa, who had given birth to a little girl four days prior to our visit. She had been shepherding her animals in a field when she said, "The labor pains came onto me suddenly". She thought she was going to die. After screaming for help, two older ladies came to her aid. They helped her and her newborn get home. Rosa was suffering from high fever, severe head-

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ache and lack of sufficient milk for her baby. Our team's medical personnel were able to reduce her fever and gave her some pain medication. The most joyous time was when we asked Rosa, if we could pray with her. She responded with a humble heart. We prayed for her and asked the Lord to open her heart to Him.

Rosa sat on her thin sponge mattress with her baby, the most recent of four children. At the end of the bed sat her mother of 87 yrs or so. She did not know her exact age. Rosa's mother cannot walk and has no wheel chair to get around. So any day of the week you can see her crawling along on the hard cold stones. She sits for hours, most of the time by herself. She is a prisoner of her own weak body. Please pray for Rosa and her family.

Later we visited an older couple, each suffering from different health issues. They both preferred to speak in their heart language of Quechua. Their children were now adults and live in another part of the country. The husband was complaining that he had fallen often and had severe pain in his legs and joints. His wife suffers from chronic pain and cries herself to sleep often due to the ovarian pain she has. Most often short term medical personnel are limited to what they can do in the moment of diagnosis. Many cases require more treatment and long term care. For this reason, our visits may appear to be somewhat in vain at times. However I have learned and seen that the Lord intervenes often with His comforting Spirit to touch these folks with His healing hands. It may be that the person never had received the type of medical attention that demonstrates love and sincere care for them as a

person. Or it may be that the Lord uses the medical team to open a door for the gospel. Every time we visited patients we tried to pray with them. It was not always possible to do so independently due to a crowd or situation but we were able to pray with most of those we saw.

Oh, the story is not over yet...! After the team had gone back to the states I made two visits back to the village to check on some of the folks we had seen. Upon my second visit, Rosa was recovering well. The older couple...well, they were so happy we had come by to visit. The husband told me he was now able to do a dance! They both insisted that I pray for them as well.



Now, the team has gone back to their homes. The lives of the Quechua will go on as it had for

many years before. However, many lives were touched by the visit of some very special people who invested a week with us from the US.

The story still is not over... some folks in the village we visited initiated an invitation to us to start a Bible study in their home! This is not small stuff; in fact it is an indication that the Lord has answered our prayers and yours. Many times we have offered to begin Bible studies and share the gospel with folks. This was a first for me to have a family ask me to come and begin a Bible study with them. Please continue to pray for the Lord to open more hearts. Space does not permit me to tell more.

Apart from the ministry in the village each day, we also held a seminar here at the training center on "How to resolve marriage conflicts" It was well attended each evening

with an attendance of between 35 and 40 folks from two different local churches here in Huaraz. Pastor Mark Hunter presented a lesson while the rest of the short term team helped us untiringly with childcare and preparing materials for the next day in the village.

We have now been here in Peru a little over four years. It has been a very steep learning curve for us in many ways. We can only thank the Lord for you all and for your diligent prayers on behalf of the Quechua people. Can you believe that many still do not know that Jesus lives, that He was resur-

rected from the dead and lives! It has taken a long time to gain the acceptance of the Quechua in their villages. It has taken us a long time to learn their ways and know how to better relate to their culture. We are still learning many important things about how to reach these precious mountain people called the Quechua. However, as the Psalmist declares: There are none like Him among the gods, nor are there any works like His. (Paraphrased Psalm 86:8)

May He give us all eyes to see.

Larry Rockwell for Sandra, Lynae, Mackenzie & Jonathan

* * * PRAISES * * *

- ◆ For a Savior who knows all our weaknesses and faults and continues to forgive and love us.
- ◆ That Jonathan Elliot Chaski Rockwell is now officially part of our family. We have his birth certificate and passport and are now working on getting his visa.
- ◆ For the unique people God put together from Oak Mountain Pres. in Birmingham, AL and the way God blessed our time spent in Huallcor through medical ministry, veterinary ministry and children's ministry.
- ◆ For the ministry done in Huallcor – 1) we have been invited to start a Bible study in that community 2) the Director of the school wants us to come back monthly and present dramas to the students using the Bible.
- ◆ For a good finish to a great school year.
- ◆ For safety as we have made several trips to Lima and back for necessary projects and paperwork for Jonathan.
- ◆ That Larry is progressing with his Quechua studies and can now carry on simple conversations with the people in the villages.
- ◆ For God's grace that allowed us to celebrate our 23rd wedding anniversary in June.
- ◆ That the marriage and conflict resolution seminar taught by Pastor Mark Hunter from Oak Mountain was well attended every night from 7-9pm. An average of 35-40 attended each night
- ◆ For the strength God gives us each day to physically and spiritually press on with the work He has placed before us.
- ◆ Sandy's mom's health remains stable, although she has fallen twice recently.
- ◆ For all of you that God has brought together in this team to serve the Quechua along with us. You are a huge blessing in ways you probably will never know.

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A. Jonathan needs to get a US visa so we can travel to the States. This could take up to two months. Pray that God would intervene and that all would go smoothly and quicker than expected.



Quechua Kitchen

B. Our second team arrives on the 14th of July from Northside Pres. in Melbourne, FL. We will be ministering in Jauna during the week where we already have a children's class. Pray that God would touch the hearts of adults in this community with a desire to know Him more through studying the Bible.

C. We will be celebrating Mackenzie's 11th birthday on the 17th. We thank God for the special person she is and pray that He would bless her in the year ahead.

D. The roof on the Center needs to be replaced and we have stockpiled most of the materials and are waiting for the shingles to arrive. We hope to have a group of carpenters come in the beginning of August to do the work. Pray that the shingles will arrive on time and that there would be enough interested people to come and do the work.

E. Pray that God would use the material taught at the marriage and conflict resolution seminar to restore and build up marriages within the churches represented.

F. We continue to pray for God to draw adults to Himself, especially men, with hearts to reach out to the Quechua in this valley.

G. Larry's Quechua tutor, Odilio, and his brother, Raul, have been a huge help to us,

although neither are professing evangelical believers. Pray that as they hear the word of God taught and that God will draw them to Himself.

H. We hope to leave for our Home Ministry Assignment (HMA), more commonly known

as furlough, in October. So here are 3 of the many prayer requests with regard to HMA. 1) that God would provide someone to manage the Center while we are away. 2) for a vehicle while we are in the States as we will be traveling much of the time visiting our supporters. 3) as we host two more teams and try to finish all the things necessary for us to be gone for an extended period of time.

I. As Larry progresses in speaking Quechua we are see more openness on the part of the people in the communities where this is their heart language. It is a huge bridge builder and relationship starter. Please pray that God would continue to bless his efforts with much success as he diligently works to learn this difficult language.

J. If you are interested in having us attend a missions conference at your church or stop in to visit when we are back in the States, please let us know. We look forward to getting to see most of you at some point or another. We would like to plan ahead if at all possible.

"Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples." Psalm 96:2-3