



# Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

*The messengers of Christ to the Quechua*

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**O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty...Psalm 104:1**

Dear friends,

We thank God for each and every one of you, for your part in being with us whether in prayer or financially or both. Thank you for interceding for us when we have shared family, personal and ministry trials. Thank you for rejoicing with us when we have shared reports of things the Lord is doing. It is truly amazing what the Lord has done and is doing all across the Andes among His people.

I have made two trips back to Huaraz and am planning another trip back in January. The main purposes of the trips are to encourage our Quechua friends in the faith and keep up on Quechua language studies with my tutor, Odilio.

Already, small "sects" cultic groups have tried to come in and influence those who we have worked with for the last four years. We all know the enemy does not rest. Pray for the believers to stand firm in the Lord.

We have had some very good and also sad times while on HMA (furlough). On December 11<sup>th</sup> Sandra's Mom went home to be with the Lord. I was on a trip to Peru at the time but God provided some very special friends from our church to take the girls while I traveled back. Sandra and Jonathan went directly to Rochester, New York for the funeral. We thank all of you for your prayers for comfort and God's grace in sustaining us all.

While in Peru I was able to get out to the primary Quechua villages where we have been teaching the Word to adults and children. It was remarkable that many greeted me on both visits with a sense of surprise that I had come back. As much as we keep telling them that we will return next year as a family, Lord willing, they still have a fear that we will not.

I drove our vehicle to Lima from Huaraz on this last trip. I left it at the house of fellow missionary, Mark Berry so that on my return I can get new tires and have some major engine work done on it (new rings). What would normally take seven and a half to eight hours now takes an hour longer due to the bad road conditions. Thankfully, the transportation dept. has decided to renew the road. I can only imagine what that will mean.

Emilio, a Quechua brother in the Lord, who is totally blind came to visit me. He wanted to dictate a letter to me so that I could write it and then send it to HCJB. HCJB is a Christian radio broadcaster located in Quito, Ecuador. You need to understand a couple of things about Emilio, he is not only blind but he is also a native Quechua speaker. That means he has a hard time understanding things in Spanish that many of us who speak it would take for granted. He lives in a very humble adobe building shared with rodents and whatever else can enter. The roof leaks, his bed takes up half of his space and he has no way to secure what little he owns. He has a few old cans and buckets that he has collected while on the streets and a small table. His door is a hanging feed bag that is tied off with a piece of string.



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Emilio, dictated his letter to me which was a request to HCJB to continue a program he had listened to up until recently in Quechua. He expressed how he does not get teaching in his heart language like he had been getting through the radio program and how the program had given him insight into the scripture that he cannot understand in Spanish.

After her had finished dictating his letter, I asked him if we could pray for his request and any others he would like to pray for. Before we began to pray I also asked him to pray for me to learn his language of Quechua even more. Emilio, prayed the most sincere and sweetest prayer asking our Father God to help us both; to help us both help each other.

I † was humbling to say the least. I look forward to having more conversations with Emilio and praying with him. I do believe the Lord will provide his need and mine as the Psalmist declares:

He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work. ...

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:10-13, 24.

**Praise** for God's provision of Odilio, my Quechua tutor and translator who is caring for the center while we are in the states. Also for Scott Ross who is helping with paying bills, and keeping watch over the property.

Praise for Sandra's time with her sister during the funeral of her mom. For safe travels.

For a very quiet and meaningful time of Christmas together as a family.

**Prayer requests:**

Ω For Pastor/missionary Steve Henning and his family- Steve has been diagnosed with stage four colon and liver cancer. They live in Costa Rica. We attended the church where he pastors when we were in language school. We became very good friends with their family. Steve's wife's name is Christine and they have 5 children, Steve and Sarah (both in college), Shelby (15) and twins, Stacey and Seth (11).

Ω For Mike and Trish Cliff, and their children- Abbey, Aaron, Will, and Lee who were in a very serious car accident two days before Christmas. They are in Rainbow Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Pray especially for Abbey (15) as she remains in ICU in critical condition. All of the children were in ICU, however, Lee has been released. They are members of our home church.

Ω For Odilio as he helps with translations of the scriptures. Pray for the gospel to penetrate his heart.

Ω For Justino, who has recently made contact with me and desires to return to work with me. Also pray for his new family, wife, and baby.

Ω For Sandra and her family as they grieve the loss of her Mother.

Ω For those many Quechua folks (in Hualacor, Collahuasi, Jauna and other parts of the Huaylas valley who we have visited as we continue to take opportunities to love them and share the gospel message through word and deed. Specifically, Nila and her husband; Mari, her husband and children- Lucero, Heidi, and Lee; Francesca; Nicolas and his family and Herly.

Ω For wisdom in planning and preparing for the coming year.

Thank you, all of you, With love,

**Larry, Sandra, Lynae, Mackenzie and Jonathan**