



Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

The messengers of Christ to the Quechua

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Dear praying friends,

Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus!

Life is so different. Call it culture shock, adjustment, reality, whatever, it is real different than what we have become accustomed to in Peru. Yet, we thank God for His grace He gives us to endure whether it is here or Peru. We thank each and every one of you for your prayers! Yes, we need your prayers more than anything. We are so thankful for the body of brothers and sisters in Christ at Friendly Hills (our sending church) who have loved us and cared for our family beyond measure.



Quechua Village

To begin, we will be traveling much more to conferences and meetings during the next four months. We are planning on returning to Peru by mid-July- Lord willing. Until then we have much to do, visiting churches, conferences, meetings, health exams, eye exams and daily life.

In January, Larry returned to Peru for the third time since we have been back to the states. It appears that his travels have gone very well and we are thankful. We are also thankful for the provision of new tires for our only vehicle which is used 100% of the time for ministry purposes. We do not take that for granted. If you have visited us in Peru you now understand what it takes to get to a mountain village. Let's just say it is not a drive in the park.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for both our family and ministry in Huaraz , Peru. If you would like to know more about the ministry in the highlands of Peru we would be glad to take time to share with you. Please contact us at: (336) 601-7641.

BRIEF SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

- Feb. 13-15 Travel to Crossroads PCA in Delaware and give report.
- Feb. 20-25 Missions conference at Twin Oaks PCA, St. Louis, Mo. (Larry will be traveling back with the girls and Jonathan the 23rd, Sandra returns on the 25th).
- March 2 Speak at Friendship PCA, South Carolina
- March 4 Re-entry interview at MTW office in Atlanta.
- March 8-9 Report to Mitchell Road PCA, Greenville, SC.
- March 14-15 Back Creek PCA Mission Conference
- March 28-31 Westminster PCA- Rock Hill, SC and Scherer Memorial PCA, Lake Wylie, SC. Missions conferences.
- April 2-5 Round Robin missions conference at Cornerstone PCA, Chapel PCA, Grace Fellowship PCA and Faith Reformed PCA in Western Pennsylvania.
- April 7-19 Larry travel to Peru.
- April 20-26 Coral Ridge Missions Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
- April 21-23 Larry attend Gospel Coalition National Conference



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My recent trip to Peru was combined with lots of Quechua language review with Odilio (Larry's Quechua tutor and dear friend) and travels both by foot and in vehicle to the villages. Traveling by foot certainly brings a different perspective into the lives of the Quechua folks. The Quechua usually have no vehicle and normally walk with some type of heavy load most of their lives!

It reminded me of the bondage they are in spiritually and the load they carry (unknowingly, being spiritually blinded, see 2 Cor. 4:3). These people are dead spiritually like we all were without Christ; working to earn their way but never able to arrive to the celestial city.

At a recent Pastors conference, Matt Chandler reminded us that the call of proclaiming the Gospel, whether you are a Pastor, mother, housewife, engineer or retired... is a response of obedience to the Father upon us to go and proclaim His Gospel to the nations. If we are truly His children then we must obey Him. As the scriptures indicate, Christ is making His appeal through us as His ambassadors. (2 Cor.5:20) for reconciliation.

Love,

Larry and Sandra, Lynae, Mackenzie & Jonathan

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- ∞ For a God who is attentive to our cry even before we make it.
- ∞ That the Cliff family, (friends from our church here in Greensboro) who were involved in a horrible car accident just before Christmas, are all back home and continuing to recover. God has provided them another vehicle and even provided a private jet to fly them back home.
- ∞ For safe travels for Larry as he made another trip back to Peru in January. He was able to visit the villages where we have been working and also make some new contacts in others.
- ∞ That the girls and Jonathan continue to make good adjustment to being in the U.S. School is challenging and they are working hard but also enjoying a lot of the things we don't get to do in Peru like going ice skating, skiing and youth group.
- ∞ For the safe arrival of the Dillons in Arequipa, Peru where they have begun their language study in order to join us in Huaraz in six to nine months.
- ∞ For the opportunities we have in our time here to attend Bible studies and conferences in order to recharge.



Storm at 16,000 feet Pass

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- ∞ For the encouraging Missions Conference we took part in at Trinity Pres. in Norfolk, VA. We made some new friends, heard a motivating speaker and enjoyed good food.
- ∞ That we are able to reconnect with so many of our friends since being back and renew those relationships.
- ∞ For the faithfulness of each of you as you sacrificially support the work among the Quechua and have blessed us so much over these past years. You are all so special.



Odilio far right and missionary friends - Ryan and Nicole Ritchy

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- A. For our friend and missionary Pastor Steve Henning. He is battling cancer. They face many decisions regarding his treatment, future plans regarding the church there in Costa Rica, future plans regarding timing of relocating back to the US and many other things. Steve's wife's name is Christine and they have 5 children: Steven, Sara, Shelby, Seth and Stacey.
- B. We continue to thank God for the provision of Odilio as Larry's Quechua tutor. He has become a good friend and we have become very involved with his other siblings as well. Please pray that the truth of God's word would penetrate his heart as he works on some translation work of specific bible passages for Larry.
- C. Please continue to pray for Abby Cliff as she is still facing reconstructive surgery for the injuries she suffered to her face as a result of their car accident. Also, that they can work things out with the insurance company regarding coverage for these surgeries.
- D. Lynae is enjoying being back in the US and getting to make new friends. Please pray that she will be diligent with her studies especially in Physics and that she would not become enamored with the "stuff" the U.S. has to offer.
- E. Mackenzie longs to be back home in Peru. She misses the slower pace and her friends. She is doing well in school but has to work very hard for everything she gets which is not a bad thing. Please pray that she could learn to be content wherever God has her.
- F. Jonathan is happy wherever there are lots of toys. Please pray for us, as we desire to be consistent, decisive and calm as we discipline him. He has grown so much since we have been here and is doing well in his pre-school class.
- G. Please pray that we would model Christ to our children consistently and that their faith would grow through the challenges we face.
- H. As we pray and think about what some future goals and ideas for ministry among the Quechua would be we realized that this is something that will take

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the rest of our lives and more due to such things as the language, the slowness of acceptance, the idolatry, the bondage to tradition, and the list goes on and on. Please pray for us to not grow weary but that we would press on to the end.

- I. Larry is continuing to study Quechua even as we are here in the U.S. It has been made somewhat more difficult by the rains in Huaraz as it affects the internet and therefore Odilio cannot communicate with Larry for his lessons. Please pray for Larry as he studies on his own and as much as possible with Odilio that he would gain more and more ability in speaking and understanding which is crucial to the effectiveness of the ministry.
- J. The vision of groups of Quechua believers in the remote villages led by Quechua from those areas is definitely God-size and could take our lifetime and then some. We are seeing more and more the need for concentrated consistent prayer for this to become a reality.
- K. Please pray for safety and good health as we travel just about every weekend to different churches.
- L. Being here during this particular time in the history of our country has emphasized how much we need to be praying for our local, state and national leaders. We don't despair knowing that our God is in control of all these things.
- M. Please pray for wisdom as to how we use our time while we are here.

Isaiah 46:5 says:

"To whom would you liken Me, and make Me equal and compare Me, that we should be alike? Those who lavish gold from the purse and weigh silver on the scale hire a goldsmith and he makes it into a god; they bow down, indeed they worship it. They lift it upon the shoulder and carry it; they set it in its place and it stands there. It does not move from its place. Though one may cry to it, it cannot answer; it cannot deliver him from his distress."



Lakes from 15,000 ft. with road we traveled below

We see this constantly among the Quechua as they make their shrines, celebrate their festivals to this and that saint, even to putting their hope in crosses blessed by a priest to bring them a good crop. Such blind trust in tradition and superstition instead of the hope and life they could have by leaving those things behind and putting their trust in the true

God who created all the things they worship.

Thank you so much for seeing the great need among the Quechua to know the one true God and be saved out of the darkness and hopelessness they walk in by faith in Jesus Christ. You are truly partners with us in this ministry and God is using you to bring the light of the gospel to the Quechua. We pray that He blesses you for your faithfulness.

NOTE:

Please e-mail us at lrockwell@mtwla.org if your church would like us to attend and/or speak at your missions conference in the coming months.