



# Los Chasquis de Cristo a Los Quechua

*The messengers of Christ to the Quechua*

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Dear Faithful Warriors,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. These words should bring us much comfort in these uncertain and difficult times. The fact that our king is not money or any earthly ruler but Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. Listen to what Jesus would say to you:



“When you start to feel stressed, let those feelings alert you to your need for Me. Thus, your needs become doorways to deep dependence on Me and increasing intimacy between us. Although self-sufficiency is acclaimed in the world, reliance on Me produces abundant living in My kingdom. Thank Me for the difficulties in your life, since they provide protection from the idolatry of self-reliance.” (from Jesus Calling by Sarah Young)

When I thought more about the whole idea of self-reliance I realized just how idolatrous it is to rely on my own strength, my own ability to make things work and get things done, the thought of “pulling myself up by my bootstraps”. It sets me up as god and doesn't allow for Him to work in and through me. I need this reminder every moment of every day.



**Odilio with the Children of Huallcor**

In John 15:5 Jesus says: “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; **for apart from Me you can do nothing.**”

During Larry's trip back to Peru in April he encountered various areas that had been wiped out by mudslides from the heavy rains. Whole portions of some of the road collapsed down 10 to 15 feet and ran down the mountains burying houses, animals and whole fields of crops which were about

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ready to harvest. Even in some areas there was loss of human lives, others have lost everything from animals, crops to homes. Needless to say, there is no such thing as insurance so they are left to start all over again.

This brings us back to the idea that without a God who is bigger than ourselves and our hard work, life is hopeless. We are praying that God will work through these circumstances to soften the hearts of the people that they would be more receptive to learning more about the One who "causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." (Matthew 5:45) No one is exempt from bad things happening, however, those who put their trust in God have the assurance that He will always bring things to a conclusion for their good even though it may not look like it in our limited human understanding. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good **to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.**"

I have been challenged to examine my own heart and know that too often I get caught up in the idolatry of self-reliance. So who or what are you relying on as you face these uncertain times? May we all realize our helplessness and turn to the only person and God, Jesus Christ that truly is worthy of our trust and can handle whatever circumstances come our way.

Love to you all,

Larry, Sandy, Lynae, Mackenzie and Jonathan



**Training Center Roofing Project**



**Bob Middendorf, Larry Rockwell, Larry Bowers, Sue and Don Gahagen part of the Training Center Roofing Project**



**Quechua women making yarn while shepherding sheep**

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- ✓ For people such as you who take the time to read, pray and then send us notes of encouragement.
- ✓ During our time in the U.S. we have seen over and over again God working through you. You have shared your hearts, time, homes, cars and finances. It has been such a testimony of God's faithfulness and also a demonstration of your trust in Him. Words aren't really adequate to let you know how much you have blessed us.
- ✓ For safety for Larry has he has made two more trips back and forth to Peru.
- ✓ That the roof has now been completely replaced on the Center and that God protected all the workers from injury in the process.
- ✓ We are so grateful to Don and Sue Gahagen, Keith Powlison, Craig Gahagen, Larry Bowers, Bob Middendorf and Tom Hough and the workers who came all the way from Pucallpa and graciously worked on the roof. It was a very busy week.
- ✓ For a wonderful experience for Lynae as she attended her school's formal dance. There were no "dates" and they all were able to take dance and etiquette classes the week leading up to the dance. There was a sit down dinner and lots of fun was had by all.
- ✓ For terrific learning experiences and safety as both girls had the opportunity to go on 3 day/2 night class trips.
- ✓ That Jonathan is now an official US and Peruvian citizen.
- ✓ That Sandy was able to attend the North Carolina Homeschool Convention and gather excellent information, as well as, encouragement as we go back to homeschooling in the upcoming year.
- ✓ For Odilio and his commitment and hard work keeping things going in our absence.
- ✓ For our families who sacrifice in many different ways for us to be able to do the work God has put before us.

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- A. That we would be able to learn more and more about the culture, belief systems, superstitions and traditions that drive the Quechua and through this discover a bridge for the gospel that they would be able to understand deeply.
- B. As Odilio studies the Bible and discusses the many



**Quechua girl from Huallcor**

- questions he has with Larry please pray that the Holy Spirit would use the truth found in God's word to redeem him and that he would become a child of God.
- C. Larry continues to progress in his study of Quechua. Please pray for the provision of a house to rent or property to buy out in the village of God's choosing for us to move to in order for Larry to become more fluent in the language and also in order for us to build closer, deeper relationships with the people.

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- D. We are getting ready to return to Peru as a family on July 19<sup>th</sup> so we are in the midst of saying good-byes, packing up, and making last minute visits with family, friends and supporters. Please pray for us as this is never easy even though we are looking forward to getting back home.
- E. Pray especially for the transition for the girls. They have made some wonderful new friends while they have been here and have been able to enjoy many of the benefits the US has to offer. Please pray that we would be able to help them to focus on the positives and look forward to going back with anticipation while at the same time being sympathetic gracious with them.
- F. We will be doing some traveling for vacation towards the end of June. We will be in Larry's home town the last week of June through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Please pray this would be a special time with Larry's family and that the kids would appreciate and enjoy a small town Fourth of July celebration.
- G. For the many Quechua families that lost everything due to mudslides during the rainy season. Pray for an openness to hear the word of God and a receptiveness to the fact that only the God of the Bible is worthy of our worship and trust.
- H. We will only have a few days once we get back to Huaraz to prepare for a



short-term team that is coming from Gainesville, GA. Please pray for stamina and wisdom as we get ready for their arrival.

- I. Relationships are the beat of God's heart. Please pray that the relationships that were begun before we came to the US would resume and continue to grow resulting in fruit for God's kingdom.
- J. That God would open our eyes to what He is doing and desires to do among the Quechua in the Huaylas valley and that He would guide us step by step as we serve Him there. We have many plans and pray that we would be sensitive to His leading and not just working in our own strength.
- K. Please pray that in our marriage and relationships with our children we would live Philippians 2 regarding one and other as more important that ourselves with Christ as our example.
- L. There is so much disunity among the evangelicals in Huaraz and the churches are so inward focused that it is a horrible testimony and does not bring honor and glory to Christ. Please pray that God would heal broken relationships and remove bitterness causing repentance. Also, that He would give them a heart to see the need and reach out to those trapped in darkness in the mountains all around them.  
"Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of

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