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To those who know and love the Lord,

While meditating on the need of loving our brethren, even those with whom we hold differing convictions, I could not help marvel at the gracious principles laid out for us in Scripture. While we must never be careless in regards to our own conduct, for we must "all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Ro 14:10), yet in dealing with our brethren Romans 14 beings with a simple command, "Him that is weak in the faith, receive ye," but not to dispute with! Or as the ESV puts it, "As for the weak in faith, welcome him." I wonder who sees himself as being strong in faith. "O ye of little faith," were the gracious words of our Lord. Yet he welcomes us! How much more should we not welcome those whom the Lord has received? Can we see the love of the Lord through our love for one another?

1. This Year's Camps

We give thanks in seeing the Bible camp in Ica back in operation. After a year of hard work and what seemed at the time as overwhelming obstacles our first camp was held on the first of January. Since then we have had eleven camps so far this year. Camps are already being scheduled for the coming year and in fact we have even received a request for the use of the camp in 2013.

Even greater than seeing the camp in use have been the simple professions of faith that have been made during several of the camps this summer. One of the aspects of camp work that has been emphasized this year is that the work does not end with the camp. There is the need of follow-up and of careful planning with the vision of having many of the same campers back next year.

While praying for the camps this summer one of the professions of faith came from an unexpected place. The sister who took charge of the kitchen this summer brought along her mother to help keep an eye on her 10 year old son. Well it just so happens that many have been praying for her mother's salvation for some time and praise the Lord, while at the camp listening to the ministry during the ladies camp, she accepted the Lord as her Saviour. It was thrilling to see her tears of joy as she thanked us for allowing her to be there this year and listen to the ministry of God's Word. If only for her, all the work and investment was worth it.

The camp has even seen its first baptism since the reconstruction work was completed. In March, one of the assemblies in Ica held a baptism at the camp and one of those baptized was Mirtha's own sister.

The Lord has done great things. If someone had told me immediately after the earthquake in 2007 that we would be involved in helping over 50 families with their homes, as well as overseeing the reconstruction of the Bible camp, I would have found it hard to believe. In fact I despaired when I saw the people lining the highways, begging for water. To see the blessing we have at Betel over the last few months is more than I ever imagined. All I can say is, the Lord is rich in grace and we are weak in faith.

2. Camp Projects for this Year

One aspect of camp work we would like to see developed at Betel are family camps.



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Betel (Bethel) Bible Camp - March 2009.



Mirtha's sister's baptism at Betel Bible Camp (Bethel Bible Camp)

There is the need for specialized ministry among young families. The camp is geared for young people and children but it's not set up for families. TeamWorkers (along with MSC), put together a second team that came down and helped us in March. They did a lot of great work at the camp including the construction of play ground for small children. The playground has already been put to use with families who came out with small children to witness the Baptism in March. Now we are praying about the possibility of seeing cabins for small families built alongside the new playground.

Another project that is now well underway is the new chapel for holding conferences at the camp. Team Workers again helped us with some of the preparations and the work is now a 70% completed. We are also praying about the possibility of purchasing a small bus. Most people in Peru do not have vehicles to bring their children out to the camp, which makes things awkward. If we had a small bus we could pick the children up at the assemblies in Ica and San Clemente.

Please continue to pray for this work.



Sample of the type of bus needed at Betel (Bethel) Bible Camp



TeamWorkers building children's playground at Betel (Bethel) Bible Camp



Elders and National Leaders Conference 2009

3. Discipleship

During January and February of this year I also had the opportunity to do a little Bible teaching in the discipleship program held in the San Martin assembly in Lima and in IBEM (a ministry connected to Global Literature Outreach in Scotland). Both are discipleship programs in Peru. We have been linked to and helping with the first since its inception eight years ago, but this is the first time I've been invited to help with IBEM, which is located in Trujillo.

I also had the opportunity of sharing in this year's elders and national workers conference. These conferences began in 2005 and since then have been held every two years. It was the first time I've been able to attend and get to know more of the Lord's work in different parts of the country, as well as share in the ministry of God's Word.

4. SEMIPE (Servicio Misionero del Perú)

There are close to 20 national workers in Peru and only last month one of the assemblies in Lima commended a sister to the work of the Lord outside of Peru. As far as I know, this is a first in the history of assembly work in Peru. She will be serving the Lord in Ecuador and is awaiting her papers.

During the past year we have been working closely with other believers in the formation of a service committee for workers commended by assemblies in Peru. After a year of planning and work among the assemblies, SEMIPE was formed. It began to officially function a few months. Some of the senior missionaries in Peru are working together with the committee's first acting president Richard Harknett (info@semipe.org), a commended worker from Scotland, in providing the needed orientation and advice. SEMIPE has already been involved in helping with special needs among some of the national workers. They have just published a couple of booklets, including one on commendation. SEMIPE has also taken over "Olor Fragante," a missions magazine we started 4 or 5 years ago. The first edition will be distributed among the assemblies over next couple of weeks.

SEMIPE's first annual meeting is scheduled for the 15th of the month. Please pray for this ministry, which has the potential of being of real service to the Lord servants in Peru (and now abroad).

5. Our Personal Plans

Lord willing we will be returning to Canada July 1st. This has not been an easy decision for us. We have already delayed our return twice, primarily because the earthquake relief effort, which demanded so much of our time. Obviously we are still concerned about the needs of the camp as well as the work in Ayacucho, but after four years away (we had only intended two) there are pressing matters that need to be dealt with in Canada.

We are still in the process of making arrangements so others can take on some of our responsibilities while we're away. We are also waiting on the Lord for a place to stay

while in Canada. My mom (Donna McKinley) is in Canada at the moment dealing with some family matters and she is also trying to help us find a place where we can stay while we're home. For more up to date information about our return, she would be the one to contact (604-581-5788).

We do plan to spend at least a year in Canada and would also appreciate your continued prayers for Benjamin and Andrea who will be going into grade 6 and kindergarten this coming September. Going into a real classroom will be a big adjustment for Benjamin. Melaine is still only seven months old, so no school for her, yet! We are a little concerned about how she will take the long flight home however.

I will probably need to pay a short visit to Peru in December, in order to get things ready for the summer camp season. If the Lord opens the way, I would also like to take a few courses at TWU while in Canada but we'll have to wait and see.

6. Ayacucho

The work and believers in Ayacucho are growing slowly. We have seen big changes in the lives of some over the last few years, which has been encouraging but they still need a lot of help and prayer. Please pray for the saints here in light of our departure. They have had to carry a lot of the assembly responsibilities over the last year but we would really like to see another full time worker helping in the area. Most still have only a few years as believers and I believe they could really benefit from spending time with another servant of the Lord (1 Cor 3:6).

Please pray for Lidia Salcedo as well. She has been a faithful servant among the ladies and children in Querobamba and Human Poma. She has a real heart to serve.

5. Thank you

We do want to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Please remember the work in Peru in prayer. May the Lord bless and keep you.

In his enabling grace,

Daniel and Mirtha McKinley



Assembly in Las Casuarinas – Ayacucho



Chapel Lidia has been trying to finish for meetings in Querobamba.



Querobamba, Ayacucho

“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.”

Romans 14:19 (KJV)