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"Ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf."
 2 Corinthians 1:11 (ASV)

To those who know and love the Lord,

Paul speaks of not wanting the Corinthian Christians to be ignorant of the troubles they faced in Asia - that they be not only partakers in suffering but also in the consolation. Now these sufferings came upon them that they might not trust in themselves but in God who raises the dead (II Cor 1:9) and while we would never claim to face trials such as those faced by the Apostle, nevertheless we too need to learn to rest quietly in the One who is able to work wonders and continues to deliver in grace. He is the One who comforts that we might comfort and the one who delivers that many might give thanks, for in all things the glory is his alone.

1. Home on Furlough

After four years away and considerable investment in the relief effort in Ica, we believed it was time to return and report on what God has done (Acts 14:27). Naturally a trip to Canada was a major upheaval for the family. This was no weekend gateway. As we prepared to leave Peru we were faced with enormous uncertainties. We owned nothing in Canada and had no certainty of where we'd be living.

It was a hard decision to leave Peru. We were deeply concerned about the wellbeing of the Christians in Ayacucho but when are we not? The day a local body of believers are trouble free they will no longer find themselves in this world. The needs of the Bible camp were a major concern as well. How would we be able to continue to meet the needs there while in Canada? After the earthquake in 2007 we had hesitantly taken on the work at the Bible camp. At the time it was a camp in ruins but in eleven months it was back in operation and we had the busiest summer in its history. The Lord did it and it is marvelous in our eyes. There were many who stepped in to make it possible. Some came from half way around the world to work on the camp. Certainly this was the Lord's doing. Nevertheless the responsibility of running the camp and paying the bills remains with us. We know it is the Lord who provides, but I confess as we prepared to visit Canada those responsibilities weighed heavily on us.

There was another matter we wrestled with. Our commending assembly has been on the decline for years and recent reports left us wondering what the Lord had in store for us.

We've been back now for ten months and I feel I can say with Paul: He has allowed this - "that we should not trust in ourselves but in Him." The Lord has provided in wonderful ways, I only wish I could say I have learned my lesson. No doubt the reason we are still facing tough decisions is because I'm a slow learner.

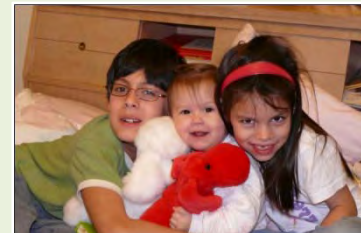
2. The Lord's Faithfulness

Through the family the Lord provided us with a place to live while in Canada. The rent is reasonable (as far as rent in Canada goes) and with the responsibilities of the camp that has been a huge blessing. Again, when we arrived we had nothing but our



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Benjamin, Melanie & Andrea in our place in Surrey, Jan 2010.



Completed repairs to the pool at the camp in Ica in preparation for the summer Bible camps.

suitcases but by the time the place was made available to us the Lord had provided all the furniture we needed, principally through the intercession a loving Christian couple who had been praying for us. While at home we've enjoyed the use of my parents car and our children have been able to attend an elementary school only a couple of blocks away. For a family that left Peru not knowing what lay ahead the Lord has worked things out in ways that we could never have imagined.



Sharing with believers in Ontario the Lord's Work in Peru



Christmas Sunday School Programs held in Ayacucho in December



Youth camp at Betel Bible Camp in Ica.

3. Present our Activities

While in Canada the Lord has provided plenty of opportunities for ministering his Word. I'm usually out speaking two or three times a week and even more frequently during the first months of this year; mostly in the smaller assemblies. Perhaps some might suggest that the list of available speakers has become shorter in recent years and some assemblies just don't have a lot of options but I prefer to see it as of the Lord.

We are very thankful for a month I was able to spend in Ontario last October/November. While there I was impressed by the interest shown in the Lord's work. We are also very thankful for the Christians there who came down to help us with the reconstruction of the camp. The only regret was that Mirtha was unable to accompany me, but with the kids in school it just wasn't possible. It was hard leaving her knowing how difficult it was for her to get around and then they all became very ill during the H1N1 scare. It was even harder to have to leave them again for Christmas only two weeks after getting back from Ontario but again the kids were in school; besides we certainly cannot afford to be running back and forth from Peru as a family.

The trip in December was necessary to prepare for the summer camps at Betel. The pool floor was leaking and needed major repairs; benches had to be built for the new auditorium; the van on the camp needed some major repairs so there would be some kind of transportation; arrangements had to be made with camp directors and we needed to find a couple who could stay on the property and manage the kitchen over the summer months.

During the five weeks in Peru I was able to get the work on the camp finished, as well as make arrangements with the Christians in Ayacucho for the Christmas Sunday school programs. Prizes and gifts for about 400 children were distributed in various parts of the department. During my time in Peru I was also able to get a 12 month calendar made up and printed for distribution around our commending assembly in Canada.

This year we had seven camps in Betel over the summer plus one in December when I arrived. Since the summer four more camps have been scheduled, so the camp work is moving ahead.

Since getting back in January we have been involved in outreach around Tenth Avenue Bible Chapel. We have also completed a series of Tuesday night studies in Mark using a course I learned of while in Ontario called Christianity Explored. We had some good studies and at least two who participated in the studies have made professions of faith. It is the Lord who saves and we certainly are not trying to take any credit but I am also certain that at least some of those who took part in the studies found them to be a blessing for which we praise the Lord. We have also begun a study in Acts on Sunday evenings in our home assembly.

4. Our Plans

We've found it very difficult to make any serious plans over the past few months. On the one hand our hearts are still in Peru and we have some major responsibilities we can't just drop. On the other hand our commending assembly in Canada needs a great deal of help. Where would the Lord have us is the question

we have been wrestling with. This coming month I am going to have to make another short visit to Peru. We've run into some major problems with the camp well. Obviously a camp in the desert needs water and for a long time we've know the well was too shallow but this summer we ran into some serious water shortages. I don't know what I will be able to do. The pump is old and the well needs to be deepened. Together it would cost at least 15 thousand dollars, perhaps more. On the other hand we need an urgent solution if the camp is going to continue to operate.

Mirtha will again be on her own while I'm away. What the Lord has in store for us this fall we still don't know. Personally I would really like to get back. The believers in Ayacucho need help, but our hearts are torn in two and we would like to make a decision along with our commending assembly. Please pray that together we may make the right decisions.

5. Prayer Requests

Along with your prayers for the Lord's leading in our lives we would ask you to pray:

1. For two of the pressing needs at the camp:
 - i. A solution to the problems with the well
 - ii. and the continued need of a bus for the camp. (Please keep praying about this)
2. We would ask you to pray for fellow workers in Ayacucho and the camp.
3. For Lidia, who is working with the women and children in several villages in Ayacucho. There is the good possibility of seeing an assembly formed right in Querobamba but she needs help.
4. Please pray for the Christians in Las Casuarinas who have seen some setbacks during these past months. They are a young group of believers and need our prayers.
5. If we are to continue in Peru, and I believe it is the Lord's will, we are going to be in need of a vehicle to get around as our work is spread out over a large area.

6. Thank you

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

In his enabling grace,
Daniel and Mirtha Mckinley



*First Sunday school class
Ayacucho - 1997*



*Mini conference at one of the assemblies
in Ayacucho*



*Kind of bus we're praying about for the
Bible Camp in Ica*