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To those who know and love the Lord,

Looking at the New Year and all the plans that are being made it is good to be reminded by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians of the real hope of the believer, to be caught up in the air to meet the Lord *“and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”* May this year be the year we hear the shout of the Lord’s return from glory. Let’s pray the cares and activities of this world will never diminish from our hearts the longing to be home with the Lord.



1. A Year in Review

Some of the highlights of 2008 are:

- The modules and help that were proposed for the fifty one families from the assemblies in the Ica/Pisco region whose homes were severally affected by the earthquake that occurred in 2007 have now been completed. Praise God each of these families now have a place to live as well as a good start on a future home. From the start it was a faith based work and God has been faithful. Last month I started visiting some of the homes of those who were helped and it was encouraging to see them settled into their new homes. Some have already made additional progress through government help that is finally being distributed. Sad to say, a year and a half after the earthquake, one can still see many families who still live in tents and have yet to get the help they need.

- Additionally help has also been provided for three of the chapels that were affected in the earthquake and the believers again have a place to meet.

- Bethel Bible Camp, the only assembly camp in Peru, was also affected by the earthquake, but is again operational. After 11 months of hard work from local believers as well as groups of believers from the US and Canada, our first camp since the earthquake began on January 1st. There are another 8 camps scheduled for this summer. The dorms have been completed as well as work on the dining hall, kitchen and pool. There is still plenty to be done. There are more repairs needed to the pool as well as the camp’s infrastructure, but praise the Lord for all that has been accomplished. The camp is not only operating but has a full schedule of camps for the summer.

- The work in Ayacucho has also continued to move forward. The ladies’ and children’s work in Querobamba and Chonta has continued under the care of our sister Lidia. The believers in Taca, Vista Alegre and Las Casuarinas have pressed on despite many challenges and difficulties. We have seen our first commended worker from Ayacucho, Maximo Rodriguez, and we have had the joy seeing several baptized through the year.

- In December we were again able to hold Christmas programs in six different communities in Ayacucho, a practice we have kept up for the last ten years. During these meetings over 300 children received prizes for Sunday school assistance and Bible verse memorization.

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The work of helping believers whose homes were affected by the 2007 earthquake was completed during 2008

- This year we were also able to have a part in the formation of SEMIPE, the first (and only) Missionary service committee in Peru. There is a lovely spirit among those on the committee and they have already begun fulfilling their commitments. Perhaps the greatest encouragement is to see the widespread support SEMIPE enjoys among most of the national workers and assemblies.

- In October we also had a new addition to the family. Melanie, who hasn't wasted any time in making her presence known; she was born October 26th. Mirtha is doing well and is not only busy taking care of Melanie but is also teaching Benjamin, and helping me with Christmas programs and camps, not to mention keeping me going and helping organize this year's ladies camp.

- On a different note, after six years of operation in the center of Ayacucho, in December we were forced to close the Bible bookstore. We could not continue to meet the reconstruction needs at the camp as well as operating expenses of the bookstore. It was a difficult choice for us and a disappointment but perhaps we can reopen it in the future.



Family camp at Betel; the first camp held since the 2007 earthquake. There are 8 other camps scheduled for this summer.



Sharing a little something for Christmas with the children in Ayacucho

2. Prayer requests – The Camp

After eleven months of reconstruction effort it was good to see Betel Bible Camp in use once again. It is the only assembly Bible camp in Peru and there are 9 camps lined up for this summer. The first of nine, a family camp, has already been held with 60 campers from various assemblies. Please pray for the upcoming Emmaus camp, ladies camp, girls and boys camps, and young peoples' camps that have been scheduled for this summer.

At the end of December, Mason and Debbie Jacobson decided to leave the at least the camp, at least in part to due family commitments in the States. It has left us with the added responsibility of overseeing the camps this summer as well as having to move to the camp again for the summer.

Please pray for strength and wisdom as we find ourselves juggling between various commitments this summer. I am also scheduled to help with the teaching in San Martin's intern discipleship program in Lima this January as well as helping with the teaching in IBEM in Trujillo the first week of February. Please pray for these various responsibilities.

3. Prayer Requests - Ayacucho

Due to our commitments at the camp Maximo Rodriguez of his own initiative has taken on the responsibility of running the Vacation Bible School this year in the assembly in Las Casuarinas. He will also be heading up the Sunday school work for this year. Please pray for him and his added responsibilities in the assembly while we're away. Pray he'd have a real heart of service and self sacrifice. Also please pray for his wife and children, that they would be a help and encouragement in this service.

Please pray for Lidia Salcedo. She has headed up the children's and ladies work in Chonta and Querobamba for the last few years and despite her humble condition has taken upon herself the task of trying to see a hall built in Querobamba. The owner of the place we've been renting gave notice we had until the end of 2008 to find another place. When I arrived in Querobamba in December I was pleasantly surprised to find Lidia hadn't wasted any time. She sold the four cows she owned, bought a piece of property and had already built the adobe walls. Right now we are helping her with the roof but there will still need to be doors, windows, and light meter put in before she can begin to use it. It would be nice to see a floor and bathroom put in as well. Please pray for Lidia. That the Lord would continue to encourage her and to provide for her needs. She has a real heart to serve.

4. Prayer Requests - Personal

Please pray for us as a family, for wisdom in raising our children for the Lord. Please pray about our return to Canada this year. If the Lord opens the way we'd like to travel at the end of May. We've been away for four years and there are good reasons for going back this year but we haven't made any definite plans yet.

5. Thank you

We do want to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We want to thank you for remembering us in prayer. May the Lord bless and keep you.

In his enabling grace,

Daniel and Mirtha Mckinley



2009 Family Camp at Betel

*"Then we which are alive
and remain shall be
caught up together with
them in the clouds, to
meet the Lord in the air:
and so shall we ever be
with the Lord. "*

1 Thessalonians 4:17