August 2026 Newsletter

Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful support this month. We truly appreciate you, and the Lord will use your giving for the kingdom as we place it in his hands with faith.

*"But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown (Mt. 13:23)."*

**News/ministry:**

August was a month to hold on, to cling to Him and His Word, to stand in His strength and trust in His faithfulness, provision, and glorious work; and to pray for the land of the Valley of the Mantaro. This month, the prayer group in Huancayo that we started and has been going for 2 months now is a blessing- many brothers and sisters in Christ have been able to lead the group in teaching one of God's attributes or names meaningful to them. This has encouraged them to seek the Lord's help and wisdom to teach. One response to prayer we have seen is that we are praying for the parents of Colegio Andino, and a mom from Noah's classroom with Rocio and another mom's help received Christ as her Lord and Savior. The Lord is speaking powerfully in this prayer group, and we all sense the Holy Spirit's move as we pray for Huancayo and Peru.

Another week at the prayer meeting, another school mom from Colegio Andino named Carmen also came with her daughter to the prayer group. Her husband opened up a little to me at a pizza shop, and it turned out to be the same couple! They are struggling in their family to the point of breaking.  Please pray for them.

I accompanied Pastor Beto on a 3-day trip to Huancavelica and together we were able to encourage a youth group that is growing under the discipleship of a sister named Antonela and Edith Romero- a missionary. A sister named Elizabeth was discipled by Antonela and now also has different house groups with youth studying the Bible in them. This was an encouragement to see that cell groups really do, with the Lord's help reproduce. One of Beto's messages also encouraged me to not give up seeking the house or people of peace.

Youth group in Huancavelica

The women's and men's group also continue in the house in Huancayo. The women are studying 1 Samuel and have dived in a lot to the Lord's calling on their lives. The sisters in Christ are very encouraged to reach out to others and we went to pray over a public-school

Santa Isabel and evangelize in a park nearby. Praise the Lord two people accepted Christ- Edgar and Fiorela. And others were positively influenced.

The men are studying 1 Peter and are studying how eternity affects our hearts and our lives in the present. The Lord is always faithful to not only speak to the people in these group's but also to Rocio and I in such a way that it propels us forward in the Spirit when feeling down.

Rocio teaching the 3rd and 4th grade in Tinyari

We continue to work in Tinyari Grande School. This year we have gone through Genesis with the kids. The Lord has shared his joy in the hearts of the kids, as we trust Him that the words and effort we put in to plant seeds of the Word in the hearts of these kids will grow to be something beautiful from the Lord. We also pray this over the men's and women's Bible study groups. May we all trust this promise together, "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:10-11)."

Please also pray for Rosio, the sister we work with in Tinyari, especially for spiritual protection. She seems discouraged and is going through some hard times. Please pray the Lord bring her His strength, love, and power to keep walking the narrow path.

1st and 2nd grade

Sister Rosio teaching 5th and 6th grade -Tinyari

We were also blessed to see my parents Arthur and Mary Alice who visited Peru for about two and a half weeks to encourage and work with Pastor Beto and our family in the mission.

Mary Alice, Arthur, Stephen, and Noah

**Devotional Thought**

Thinking of the Mantaro Valley in Peru as a land, I was meditating in the book of Joshua as the Lord gave the promised land and their enemies into their hands, the armies of Israel would go and fight the battles and the Lord would bring the victory. Joshua 1:7-9 says, "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

We all have a "land" to influence and it´s not through force, "Not by might or by power but My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts. It´s by a right relationship with God and through prayer as seen with Jericho (Joshua 5). We are encouraged to "carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow- to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him and to hold fast to him-then the Lord will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you. Ever place where you set your foot will be yours…No one will be able to stand against you."

We even see this in Jesus´ life mentioned in Hebrews 5:7-9, "7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ." You see obedience is living in the authority and power of God, not in our own. And in Jesus´ authority (in Christ) mentioned in Matthew 28- "all authority in heaven on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples…" As we submit to the authority of the power of Christ and then submit our thoughts and lives to the authority of His Word is when we experience His freedom and victories.

What I am not saying or trying to convey is neither a strict rigidity of obedience through one´s own strength of will or a prosperity gospel that says everyone who obeys God doesn´t go through any troubles in life. What I am trying to say is that this is an encouragement to keep these commands and His Word close to our hearts, obey through a deep abiding love for Christ and thus remain in the "land".

It´s interesting that Bob Sorge mentions in Secrets of the Secret place in chapter 47, The Secret of Clinging or holding tightly onto the Lord, which is where real strength comes from:

> "I used to think that Christian maturity meant that we got stronger and stronger until we were an intimidating force to be reckoned with by the powers of darkness. But the image of maturity that´s given for us in Scripture is quite different from that: "Who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved" (Song of Solomon 8:5). Here we see the bride who has been perfected in love through the seasoning of the wilderness, and what quality is the most striking about her? She is depending upon her Beloved for help with every step! Experience has taught her that she needs Jesus´ help

in literally every area of life, so she leans on Him and clings to Him with desperate dependence."

Thus, we cling to Christ and not earthly things to get through the "season of wilderness"; we also cling to His Word. "I clutch His word to my breast as though it's my very life, "I cling to Your testimonies, O Lord do not put me to shame (Psalms 119:31)." Testimonies in this verse refers to the stories of God´s mighty acts of intervention on behalf of the saints in history- part of His Word for us. We learn that the person who survives the desert is because he or she has learned to lean on the Beloved- on his strength, on His power, on His might, on His Spirit, His wisdom, and on His Word to truly live. What land or sphere of influence has the Lord given you so that His kingdom might come and you be a blessing there? Everyone has one!

**Fundraising**

Thanks so much for your donations and gifts to Peru and towards His kingdom. To stay on the field, we need to raise $56,000.00 to continue this ministry. **We just want to let you know that we are in need of more support for missions!** We have been in a decline in support this year, and ask you to consider adding unto your monthly support or giving additional one-time gifts for missions in Peru to be able to get where we need to be to continue in the ministry. (Also, please if you know someone possibly interested get us in touch). Please pray about it!

We are trusting that the Lord Jesus for His provision in this regard. Please help if the Lord puts it on your heart to do so! Any contribution is of great value to the Lord and His Kingdom in Peru and the world. If you feel the Lord Jesus is leading you to support our ministry financially. You can use the link below to contribute: https://tnpartners.churchcenter.com/giving. You can also find this link on the Partners webpage: https://tnpartners.org. Create a free account and select Josh and Rocio Ivey as missionaries to support in Peru.

**Prayer Requests**

1. For more funds and donors for the mission
2. For spiritual protection over the people who are growing in the ministries of the women's and men's group, the prayer group, Tinyari Grande Elementary School, and also over Rocio, our boys (in school and wherever they go), and me.
3. For Rosio, the sister that works in Tinyari for encouragement in Christ for her and her family
4. For spiritual protection over Pastor Beto and that the youth in Huancavelica continue to grow and flourish in the Spirit both quantitively and qualitatively.
5. For the mom that accepted Christ from Colegio Andino to grow in Him and affect others. For the spouse that came to the prayer group- their family is struggling and breaking- that God may heal them. They have two precious kids.
6. For a flame of passion for Christ from the Holy Spirit to be lit in the hearts of more brothers and sisters in Christ and this flame might spread like fire
7. That the land of Manataro Valley (where Huancayo is) to be a land that the Lord reigns and his kingdom comes and transforms more of the hearts and lives of many.

Blessings in Christ!