July 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. Here's where we are:

News/Ministry

This month was full of blessings and opportunities from the Lord to serve others. 1 Peter 1:22 says, “Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere (unfeigned) love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.”

Affected by the earthquake

There was a 5.1 earthquake centered in Chupurro and spreading to Pumpuya, Inaí, Tinyari, and Chupaca. There were 5 dead and more than 300 people whose houses collapsed or were damaged. On two occasions, we went to aid those in need, bringing grocery bags and clothes. The first time, Rocio and I went with Rosio (who we work with in Tinyari Grande Elementary School). Rosio brought along two sisters in Christ – Flor and Estrella. We were really touched by how Estrella and Flor prayed the whole time and served the Lord and the people with great intentionality and love. We passed out 14 grocery bags and clothes. The second time, Rocio took some of the ladies from the Bible Study group on Tuesday to the sites affected by the earthquake. They passed out 35 grocery bags to those affected, and many of those who received aid prayed to receive Christ and his help in their lives. An interesting fact about the earthquake was that it made the Canicruz topple over- which is a cross in Chongos Bajo used for lots of witchcraft.

House collapsed in Pumpuya

Praying, sharing Christ and passing out grocery bags to those affected

Also, I was able to go and help teach with pastor Leonardo from Ciudad Refugio at a church anniversary in Pucuruhuay. Pucuruhuay is a small village between Cerro de Pasco and Huanuco. They call these events “fiestas espirituales” or spiritual parties/ celebrations in which the people sing, pray, and learn of the Word together for 2 to 3 days. They also eat meals together during these celebrations. What I was really

Church in Pucurhuay

encouraged by in this time is the love and joy of the people- even in their humble conditions. Their joy and love in the Lord were enormous. They reminded me how kindness can triumph over bitterness and are a living testimony of that. Similar to the two sisters we mentioned above who helped Rosio, they are humble, but we can surely learn a lot from them. We literally saw what James says in chapter 2 verse 5, “Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?”

This month we also started a prayer/evangelism group on Wednesdays. This felt right to start like this- not just go evangelize, but get together and pray for the lost and the hurting, and afterward, in the Lord’s timing, go and share. Spiritually, it feels right- please pray that the Lord hears the prayers of this group and gives us wisdom and guidance on where to go and share Him with others. It’s just been three weeks, and we have already learned much together on prayer and the attributes of Christ. We pray this will help encourage “living out” the Word for the brothers and sisters in Christ who participate. That it could be a place where application of Scripture and serving are in fervor for the Lord.

Circumstances

When we were somewhat discouraged by the monotony, the Lord encouraged us through this old movie called “Raising the Bar: The Alma Richard Story.” It starts with a quote from Mark Twain, “The two most important days in your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why.” As Rocio and I looked at each other, we just wanted to tear up as we both felt a little lost in finding out why here in Peru.

On the trip to Puccuruhuay, as we were singing with the brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord pressed upon my heart very strongly to the point of tears, telling me, “I will fulfill my purpose in your life, and I am fulfilling it.” When I heard that, I almost broke down because there was so

much effort, so much pain, and hardship in the ministry, and it was the Lord telling me it's not for nothing, it's not in vain. "So, walk in the light of that truth by faith," He said.

It reminds me of Joseph. Joseph couldn't have imagined being sold into slavery, falsely accused, and in prison for years what the Lord was up to. Still, He trusted in the Lord every minute of it as a testimony even to us that because the Lord was with him, he was successful in everything he put his hand to and found the Lord's favor. In the end, he was made second to Pharaoh, and through the Lord's wisdom in interpreting dreams, Joseph was in charge of storing up food for a famine of seven years, saving the people of Egypt from starvation. He told his brothers, whom he forgave, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives (Gen. 50:20).

Joseph in all those trials may not have seen or understood God's purpose, but He chose to trust in God until the end. It's like you and me. Most of the time we can't see what God is up to; when common sense would say a "waste," we see that in God's perfect timing and in His hand every experience, every failure, every achievement is foremost for His glory but also part of the purpose of the divine plan of the Almighty. He WILL fulfill His purpose in you each and every day; may this fill you with hope. Through anything and everything- small or big- God is preparing and molding us into the likeness of His Son for us to walk in the good works He has prepared beforehand for each of us to do. This is part of the weight and bursting power of the message in Philippians 1:6, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." When things aren't going that well, are we still believing in this promise? May all our faith and hope be in God (1 Pt. 1:21). May hope and joy swell within us of the thought! Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now, that being said, there are many in the world- the devil himself, and even fellow believers that want you to doubt. If you recall in the story of Joseph, Joseph told his brothers his dreams and was mocked and ridiculed for it. I came across a quote that gave me some hope (it rhymes in Spanish, but I don't know how it will turn out in English): "Everything to Christ I surrender, with the end goal of being faithful. Forever I want to love Him, and please Him alone (A.B Simpson)." This is a good reminder to make it our goal to please the Lord alone, and not men, as it says in Galatians 1:10, "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

In the movie "Raising the Bar," there was a small letter a coach gives a track athlete going to the Olympics that says, "If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, if you can fill each unforgiving moment with 60 seconds of worth of distance run, yours is the earth and everything that's in it. Do your best, and God will handle the rest."

This has been something that I really struggled with- when everyone else doubts you, or even when I doubt myself. Most of my life, I have given too much power to these voices; rephrasing this, it would be: If you can trust in what the Lord will do in and through you when all men doubt you and commit your life to work along Christ toward that end, you'll make it. Even Christ was mocked, ridiculed, and rejected by men, but the thing that matters is He was chosen by God. In fact, it was just this month as I was teaching on 1 Peter 2- Christ as the cornerstone: "As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected/ thrown away/ unappreciated by humans but chosen by God and precious to him…The stone the builders rejected has become the

cornerstone." This is an encouragement for all of us to believe in His divine, almighty, and powerful plan for our lives and to have hope that the eternal invades the finite.

Let's not believe that things are just a coincidence or a mistake, but that God, in His infinite wisdom, is playing out His will in our lives. As Mordecai says to Esther, "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" May the Lord lift us again to fight the good fight for His glory.

Spiritually

The other thing that brought us joy this month was the Lord speaking through the prayer group and the Bible studies as He is always faithful to do. I was looking at Hezekiah in Isaiah 38. As he was given notice to put his house in order because he would die soon, he prays to God, "Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah: [5] "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life. [6] And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city."

There are a couple of things to ponder here. First, however, the Lord's response is amazing. "I have heard your prayer and seen your tears." Sometimes we need to hear the Lord saying that as well. But this was in a moment when his life was coming to an end; likewise, there could be things that seem like they are going to die for us- it could be a project, a job, a dream- but then the Lord comes and says I will add fifteen more years in whatever way He answers and shows us. This answer was full of the abundance of grace, most likely beyond what Hezekiah was asking, and such are the answers of the Lord to our tears- something much better, much more beautiful, much more powerful than we could ever have thought. So don't give up; the Lord sees your tears, and He hears your prayers and will carry you in His good, pleasing, and perfect will as we surrender all to Him. Be crazy enough to believe and even crazier to live in it- for this is men and women of faith.

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 are trusting that the Lord Jesus will provide and be with us through it all and do more than we could imagine. 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 the Lord's provision for more funds
2. For those affected by the earthquake in Pumpuya
3. For our family: **For Stephen and Noah** to continue to adapt to Spanish and the Peruvian culture. **For Rocio and Josh**: wisdom and encouragement from the Lord to

walk in the Spirit to parent, and to serve and minister to the people in Huancayo and in Peru.

4. For those in the ministries the Lord has given us: Tinyari Grande Elementary School, the women's and men's Bible studies, the prayer/evangelism group, Ciudad Refugio Church where Joshua was teaching ESL classes and tagged along for a trip to Pucurhuay, and workshops with pastor Beto.

Blessings in Christ! From the Iveys