June Newsletter 2026

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

We thank the Lord for all he is doing in us and Peru in June. We continue to serve in the women's and men's Bible studies at the house, teaching Bible lessons at Tinyari Grande Elementary School, teaching ESL Classes in Ciudad Refugio and in houses, and participating in sports with school parents. (The women's group is studying 1 Samuel, and the men's group is studying James. In the Tinyari Grande School, the students are learning from stories of Genesis.)

Church In Tinyari

One thing that happened is we went to a church in San Juan de Iscos that Rosio leads. Rosio is the sister in Christ who works with us in the Tinyari Grande School. We had a small training on evangelism and discipleship. We also passed out a Bible Study lesson with guides to encourage the church to start cell groups and make disciples.

One thing that God really encouraged in the training was the difference between a disciple and a student. A disciple's learning is living out the Scriptures and the Word. It's this end that the one who is making the disciple must have. It's not just transmitting information but seeking Christ's transformation. As I was pondering this, I am praying for ways that help encourage the application of Scripture. This shows the heart of Christ as well- "…[that they]…may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

ESL Class in Ciudad Refugio

Thus, the goal isn't just head knowledge but love. "We know that 'We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up (1 Cor. 8:1)."

I was able by God's grace to teach a 3-session ESL "experiential" class on food- the kitchen and cooking, the store and buying, and the restaurant and eating. This was with the kids in Ciudad Refugio Church. There were approximately 14 students each time. The students are very enthusiastic about learning English as we continue to bond and develop friendship and trust in these sessions. In the last class, we made a fruit salad together (using only English).

The last thing that happened that was a huge blessing was a marriage workshop in La Merced with the “Alto Refugio” Church. Both Pastor Beto and I taught marriage principles from the Bible on forgiveness, love, perseverance, loyalty, sexual purity, marriage and the family, and the unequal yoke. There were 10 couples that participated. There was a lot of inner healing of wounds, and the Spirit’s working- speaking to the hearts of the men and women in this church.

Marriage Workshop in La Merced

Circumstances

Keeping our Hearts open to God

When times are tough, it is easy to get discouraged, but keep your heart open to God.
When things aren’t going as planned, keep trusting in God’s plan.
When there seems to be a lack of purpose for this life, keep your life open to God.
When nothing seems to work out, keep trying and don’t give up.
When you are lonely, keep your heart open to His Presence and His Spirit.
When you are anxious, keep your heart open to His voice and His word.
When you feel like a failure, keep your heart open to the faith that His Almighty power will bring you victory.

There’s an unbreakable perseverance, and it’s no matter what, to have a heart fully dedicated to Him. The temptation is to harden our hearts (Heb. 3:8) towards faith- that is, to God’s work of redemption in our lives, in the lives of others, or in the world. We can get to the point of thinking it’s not worth it, but then we are reminded of Jesus hanging on the cross, showing us that, to Him, we are worth everything. Satan, the enemy, the father of lies, is the one who whispers to us that what we do is of no value, but when we look through the eyes of heaven and the Father tells us, “Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58).”

When we sow in the Spirit, the promise is we will reap eternal life (Gal. 6:7-9). That we shouldn’t grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap **if we do not lose heart**. “Could this not be applied to prayer as well? When we sow prayers in the holy ground of his presence, that in time- there will be a harvest in time. But in prayer and sometimes in other areas, we are not patient enough, faithful enough, to go through the waiting period to attain it. It’s during the waiting that discouragement sets in, but it’s then that we wrestle in prayer. It’s not only in the field that we have to persevere; it’s in prayer and in keeping in step with the Spirit.

David, when we put Solomon in charge of Israel, he told him these words, “Lord, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, **and keep their hearts loyal to you**. And give my son Solomon **the**

wholehearted devotion to keep your commandments, statues and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I provided (1 Chron. 29:18-19).

Likewise, in 1 Kings 8:23-24 Solomon says, “Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below- you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who **continue wholeheartedly in your way.”**

To open your heart and hands wide to God despite all the things that go on around us is a part of faith, even when we don’t understand. So again, “as we hear the voice of the Lord don’t harden our hearts.” Remember the prayer of Jabez, 1 Chronicles 4:10, “Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain [that I may not cause pain].” And God granted his request.”

This is a quote about “enlarging territory from Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Lives by Swindoll – “Could it be that your current vision, your present paradigm, has been shaped by the restrictive demands and limitations of your original setting? Could it be that the influences that give your life order and comfort are the very things that hold you hostage, bound to a certain way of life or a certain way of thinking? Could it be that you have not broken free simply because the thought of breaking free hasn’t occurred to you? Have you asked the Lord to give you a vision far beyond your current borders? Why not?” Let’ s ask the Lord to open our hearts and our minds to the things above in the heavenly kingdom, and as we maintain them open to Him and our eyes fixed on Him, may he enlarge our territory. Psalms 119:32, “I will run the course of Your commandments, for You shall enlarge my heart.” To love like Christ, we need a bigger heart for his world and kingdom. Let’s ask God to give us more of His heart and love for others- for our wives and husbands, for our kids, for our communities, for the hurting, for the needy, and for the nations. Malachi 4:6, “He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.” Let’s pray this happens for hurting families that need the Lord!

Spiritually

The process can be really rough for expanding territory, because the first thing the Lord has to stretch is you and me. A devotional from Chambers says, “God takes us to the valley and puts us through fires and floods to batter us into shape, until we get to the point where He can trust us with the reality of the vision. Ever since God gave us the vision, He has been at work. He is getting us into the shape of the goal He has for us, and yet over and over again we try to escape the Sculptor’s hand in an effort to batter ourselves into the shape of our own goal….Allow the Potter to put you on His wheel and whirl you around as He desires.”

There is a devotional from Fountains in the Desert that speaks of a piece of wood complaining, saying it is getting many holes, marks (indentations), and cuts. The maker was creating a flute of wood. The maker said, “Oh, foolish piece of wood without cuts and holes, you would only be a useless piece of wood forever, without any use, not being able to make music. These marks and cuts that I am doing that seem like they will destroy you will convert you into a flute, and your sweet melody will charm the souls of men. When I am cutting you, I am making you into something beautiful, then you will be precious and valuable and a blessing to the whole world.”

While we are in the process or in the fire, let’s count it as a joy that the Lord is shaping us for something great, and not become weary that the vision as Chamber states has not yet been fully attained, but live in the reality of that vision every day by faith in Him, the one who calls is faithful and will do it. Let’s maintain our faith, our joy, our peace, our hope, all in Him and remain in Him- and He will not disappoint us. Let’s choose faith over disbelief today, joy over bitterness, and peace over despair. Enlarge your heart!

Fundraising

May's giving was wonderful and such a blessing!!! We praise the Lord Jesus for His provision and grace through you. We are deeply grateful to each of you for your support!!! This is our third year. We reached the 100% goal for the fourth year!!! We must raise $56,000.00 to continue this ministry in our fifth year. We are now at 1% of our fifth-year goal and are trusting the Lord to provide and bring it to fruition. Please help! 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 our family- for Noah: for better sleep/ to grow in the fruits of Spirit and Stephen: to progress in speaking Spanish/ to grow in wisdom and confidence
   for Rocio and for Josh: encouragement and faith in ministry and taking care of the family
2. For the women's and men's Bible study groups to continue grow spiritually and numerically. We are starting a prayer group soon (through this may the Lord open more doors from heaven towards Huancayo).
3. For opportunities to share with the school parents Rocio and I play sports with- that the salvation of Christ may come near to them in a way they can understand.
4. For the people in the church in Iscos to gain courage to share Christ with others in the community. For Rosio (the pastor) that the Lord will help guide the brothers and sisters in this process.
5. For the youth and church of Ciudad Refugio for the Lord's blessing in all their endeavors. For the pastor Leonardo – that the Lord continue to help him and the church reach out to other with the love of Christ.
6. For the couples in La Merced and the Alto Refugio Church to continue to be a support to the broken and the Lord continue to use them as a source of healing for many families. For pastor José and the Lord's wisdom to guide the church.
7. For pastor Beto, that the Lord may continue to use Him and give him strength in discipleship
8. For Peru, praise the Lord the elections went better than expected. Keiko won and not Sanchez. Sanchez is from the left, and has been involved in terrorism- which would lead to a more towards a dictatorship type government. Keiko is from the right and leans more toward capitalism.