May 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**

May was a busy month. Rocio continues to hold the women's small group, as some have expressed interest in participating in outreach and sharing Christ with others. We continue to work in Tinyari Grande Elementary School- this month, by God's grace, we led a parent workshop held in the school. There were new parents who accepted Christ, and a total of eight participated.

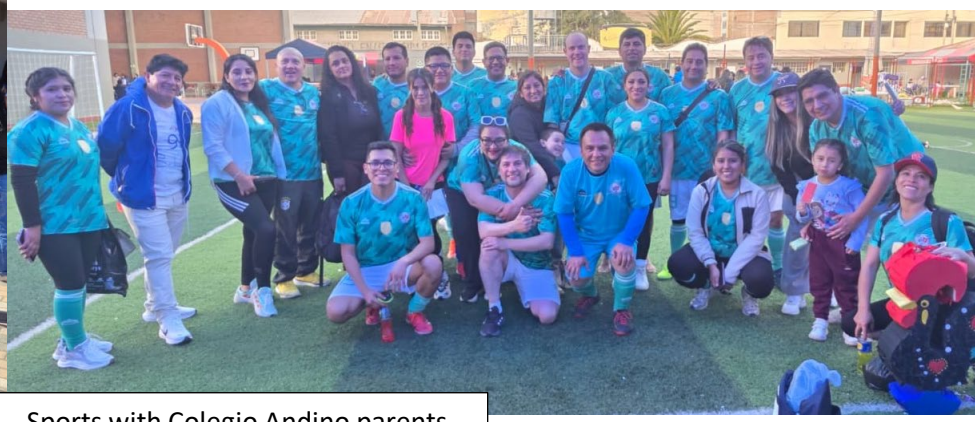
The parent workshop at Tinyari School

Teaching students Bible class in Tinyari

We continue to practice sports with the school parents of Colegio Andino to build relationships, and are praying for the door and moment to open to share Christ with them. We continue to teach English classes at the City of Refuge. The students are very encouraged to learn and enjoy the classes together. We share Bible verses and Christ for the last 15 to 20 minutes of every class. This week, two new students came- Leonardo and Jayden!!! There continue to be 14 students.

The City of Refuge (ESL class)

Another ministry we are working on is an outreach ministry to non-believers through English classes with a brother in Christ and English teacher, Moisés. The ministry is in his house. Last month 3 people accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and this month, one more accepted Jesus into his heart. His name is Josue, and he is 12 years old.



Sports with Colegio Andino parents

Though this month was a blessing, it also brought challenges. There was a house group that dissolved (there wasn't enough attendance or interest to continue), which was sad, but we are praying for the Lord's guidance in where and how to serve in its place. It can be a challenge to start or initiate things, but it is a blessing to do so at the same time.

It was a good experience, but with Moises, the English teacher, we are seeking a building or place to teach more students. We ended up at a Catholic school (we didn't know) and asked the director to use the building to teach ESL classes and share Christ with others on Saturdays. To our surprise, the director agreed and was content to have us. This encouraged me greatly, as I felt it was an answer to prayer. Despite the director's desire to hold these free classes, the school's promoter didn't agree, and we couldn't proceed. We are still looking and praying for a place, because Moises' house is small. I am still encouraged that even though the promoter said no, I really still feel like the Lord Jesus opened the director's heart. It is a one-in-a-million possibility that two people go to a school where no one knows you, accept that you share Christ there, and teach, but this happened. God answers prayers, which encourages me to continue praying and seeking God's will. When we pray, things begin to happen!

Though these are small steps of "initiation," I am realizing that the process involves prayer- it's only in this way we depend on Christ and move in His eternal work. A small quote that helped me this month was thinking of faithfulness. "The important consistency in a saint is not to a principle but to a divine life. It is the divine life that continually makes more and more discoveries about the divine mind. It is easier to be an excessive fanatic than it is to be consistently faithful, because God causes an amazing humbling of our religious conceit when we are faithful to Him (Chambers Nov. 14)." In the ups and downs, He is always faithful to us and encourages us to be with Him!

Circumstances

Upon all these experiences, I have learned and continue to learn as Jesus shows me and teaches me. By examining ourselves and learning from our attempts/ mistakes in sharing Christ with non-believers in Peruvian culture, the Lord is shaping us for the work He wants to do in Huancayo.

I pray that God helps us rely on Him more and more. 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 says, "We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But his **happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God**, who raises the dead." And even more so, 2 Corinthians 1:12b, "we have done so [conducting ourselves with integrity], relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace. If you recall also, 2 Corinthians 12:10:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in your weakness."

Relying on God's grace in our weakness is a thread that runs throughout 2 Corinthians and especially when sharing and ministering and serving others, we have to rely on Christ completely through faith. 2 Corinthians also speaks of us as "jars of clay" but possessing a treasure inside- the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God- to show that the all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

1 Corinthians 2:2, "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified…For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel-not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross be emptied of its power." I came across a quote from Chambers that helped me think:

"Look to Me.. (Is. 45:22)". Pay attention to the external Source and the internal power will be there. We lose power because we don't focus on the right thing. The effect of the Cross is salvation, sanctification, healing, etc., but we are not to preach any of these. We are to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Cor. 2:2). The proclaiming of Jesus does its own work…We have to focus on the great point of spiritual power- the Cross. If we stay in contact with that center point, its energy will be released in our lives (Chambers Nov. 26th)."

Reading this quote, I recalled a time when I shared a message with about 8 to 9 workers, and I am not sure what happened; someone could have accepted Christ secretly while doing a prayer, but either they didn't understand, had something else to do, or no one seemed that interested (which happens sometimes). But the question is: Was I focused on Jesus and the cross, or on its effects? My prayer as we continue to share Christ with others- is that people know the gospel, which is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes- and that we never be ashamed to share it (Rom. 1:16).

As we share the gospel with others, may it be solely upon faith in Christ and not on the eloquence of words (which sometimes may be because of fear), but on the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power." May we completely rely on Christ to do his work, and we share the gospel with others, and the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon us.

**Spiritually**

May was a busy month; however, when we are weak, the Lord is strong within us. One thing I realized is that when we feel overwhelmed, it is good to step back and ask why. There were many things going on this month, and sometimes I felt like it was hard to keep up. As I reflected on a phrase, I began to ask myself: On what ground am I actually standing?. "If your faith is in experiences, anything that happens is likely to upset your faith. But nothing can ever change God or the reality of redemption. Base your faith on that, and you are as eternally secure as God Himself (Dec. 3)."

If we are running here and there, it is most likely that our hope is shifting internally from the Lord to a project, to people, or to hoping something will work out. Though all those things may come and go, the one place I have to place all my hope, trust, and faith is Jesus Christ.

Another thing I sensed all month was to seek God's peace and pursue it. 1 Peter 3:10-12 says, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; **they must seek peace and pursue it**. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Seek peace- this includes- the reign of Christ in our lives – as we place Him as our highest priority, He helps everything else flow. Doing things in our own strength, knowledge, strategy, talent, etc., causes frustration. As we learn to seek and pursue His peace, it's that divine order that flows from the heavens and touches earth, bringing rest to our souls from worry, strife,

and anxiety. Thus, the Bible verse, Matthew 6:33, “Seek first his kingdom (his reign) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” As we place our eyes on God and His throne again from the waves of life, “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord, forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal (Is. 26:3-4).

**Fundraising**

April’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 Stephen and Noah: That they may continue to grow in God’s grace and protection. For the Lord’s help for Stephen and Noah to progress and advance as individuals and socially in academics, Peruvian culture, and the Spanish language.
- For Rocio and Josh: That they continue to depend on Christ in each area of their lives and help others do the same. And for wisdom to make decisions.

2. For the parents in Tinyari who accepted Christ in the workshop, to apply what they learned in their homes
3. For Josue, who accepted Christ in an English class to grow spiritually and know Christ deeply in his heart.
4. For the school parents at Colegio Andino to come to know the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Savior
5. For the ministries, people participating in them, and helping as well:

- The Women’s and Men’s Bible Study Groups in Huancayo
- Tinyari Grande Elementary School and the community: 30 students (and parents)
- The City of Refuge and the community of Pio Pata: 14 students
- ESL ministry at Moises’ house: 4 students

Blessings in Christ!!!!
From the Iveys