

September Newsletter 2020

Thank you so much for your 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.

In Circumstances: Though we thought for Rocio to take some classes for a M.A. degree was a good idea, the schedules backfired on our small group plans to reach out to more people for fundraising. We had planned to attend more small groups to gain supporters, but this wasn't possible between childcare, jobs, and classes. It was too tight.

In Fundraising: This month we completed the website with all the videos (<http://www.iveyperupartners.com/>), created a Facebook page for the audio Bible teachings (<https://www.facebook.com/loveinJesusChrist>). There are 7 audios now and it keeps adding by God's grace. We also have done a presentation with one new supporter.

Currently, the August report states a total of \$ 4,300 in the Partners account; we have 8 monthly supporters and we have a couple of pledges for one time gifts.

Spiritually:

So when we give into the flesh, our spirit and willingness becomes weaker. It is in these battles against the flesh, that though we may not feel like striving to move forward, we deny the lazy flesh and continue to move in the Spirit. This action strengthens the Spirit, and puts to death the flesh. As Jesus told some of his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, "The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mt. 26:41). I know most of you already know this, but it is refreshing to think of it, especially if you are tired. The more we deny the flesh and walk in the Spirit, the more strength we will acquire and less tired we will be. It can almost seem contradictory but the doing things in the Spirit energizes and gives life; and all the flesh does is bring death and counts for nothing. Be encouraged to deny your flesh, and follow the Spirit- even but especially when we don't feel like it; it's then that it is most crucial for God's glory. Jesus did the same in the Garden when he told the Father not my will but yours be done, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."(Mt. 26:29) and went to the cross (Phil 2:7-8). The flesh wants to avoid the cross, but the Lord tells us to walk in his steps, to follow him, deny ourselves and take up our cross daily.

Romans 8:7, “The sinful nature is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to God. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.”

Galatians 5:24-26, “Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature (flesh) with its passions and desires. Since we live in the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”

With God’s help I was able to make a “team” workshop about love, forgiveness, jealousy, and unity in the church, in marriage, and families. Pray that I can use this to reach more people ((I’ve been wanting to do this for a long time, but now Christ has helped me organize it much more clearly). But the even more incredible thing is that, it is precisely relevant to many Peruvian people who struggle with inferiority complex, or low self-esteem issues and it affects work with one another on a team. It’s a workshop about unity and combating division, love as our motivation and not selfish ambition, and the power of forgiveness through love. I will send you an attachment of this separately.

Prayer Requests

1. For the Lord to keep Rocio and I strong in the Spirit by His grace.
2. For opportunities to share, they truly are slim.
3. For more supporters.
4. For wisdom in asking for support (who, when where); and also wisdom to balance family life and ministry.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

