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- Counselling
- Education
- Evangelism
- Discipleship

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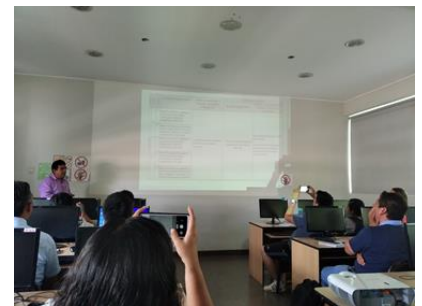
Dear brother/collaborator,

The peace of God be with you in this difficult time the whole world is facing. This time my letter is written in the sphere of covid-19, which is affecting all of us. I thank God for His protection and care here in Peru (1Thessalonians 5:18).

God is in control and He has a purpose with this global 'wake-up call'. All humans have to realize that they need God, the Creator for help in their anguish and adversity (Psalm 121). Jesus is our good Pastor, thus we shall not want (Psalm 23:1-2). The first case of covid-19 was detected on March 6th. The situation is a bit alarming here in Peru, because more than a thousand individuals get infected daily! Today, April 30th we count 36.976 cases on a population of about 33 million. The amount of deaths is 1.051. This is after 45 days of being in quarantine.

Month of March: Preparations to start with school

At the beginning of March we started off with workshops and seminars for upgrading of the personnel. This was a preparation to start with the new school year. On March 2nd we had our first workshop. It was about Competency based education and evaluation.



Attending workshop



Preparations with colleagues.

On March the 5th we continued with this workshop. The school started officially on March 6th. The parents of the students came to the opening meeting where they got to know the personnel and management of the school.

During this event I prepared the refreshments with a group of teachers for the parents. On March the 10th we had a new colleague present a workshop. This was on dealing with students with special needs in the Peruvian educational system.

Give thanks for

- ✚ Opportunities to serve the Lord in this time of adversity;
- ✚ All that I am learning;
- ✚ God's care and protection;
- ✚ God's provision;
- ✚ The power and effectiveness of the Word of God;
- ✚ Motivated personnel of the school.

Pray for

- ✚ Wisdom for discipleship and counselling
- ✚ Wisdom for the management in decision making on the future of school;
- ✚ Treatment for my hands (health);
- ✚ Provision for families of the church who are in need;
- ✚ The Peruvians to comply to the covid-19 protocols;
- ✚ Health of my sister Shanella;
- ✚ Protection of La Roca's ministry;
- ✚ Wisdom for personnel of the school.



Personnel of La Roca Christian School

From 25th to 27th of March we participated in a very interesting webinar on education from biblical perspective.



First day of school, opening with students

I learned about a very interesting historical event during this webinar. Namely, that Christopher Columbus, who had discovered the continent of America was a missionary.

Mr. Columbus journaled how God had guided him in this missionary trip and had saved him from death!! This is an important historical fact that the humanists hid from the world. Another interesting thing was, how you can educate creating a 'culture of blessings'. As a teacher you are an example to your students when you forgive and also proclaim blessings upon their lives. (1Peter 3:9-10)! ☺

Month of March: Counselling ministry and cell group

In the week of March 9th I started with the counselling of ladies. We also went to visit the children and adolescents of our cell group. We invited them for our first meeting after the school holidays. It was nice to talk to the parents and to see how the children/adolescents were doing. But, unfortunately, at the end of that week the Peruvian government announced that we were going into a quarantine for two weeks.

So from that day all schools were closed. After that we started with virtual classes via 'Edmodo' and 'Zoom.'

Month of April: Adjusted ministry

In the month of April I was mostly occupied with prayer, bible study and counselling. On April the 30th I participated in a webinar of ACSI. This was related to a school curriculum that ACSI developed considering the gender ideology that is being propagated in Latin-America. This curriculum is written from a biblical perspective and is especially for children and adolescents.

Final Word:

I thank God for all that I have learned about education from a biblical perspective. My prayer is that we will use this information in our instruction to magnify the knowledge and adoration of our most high God. This, in light of the times we are living today. Let's trust in God's plan and wait on His mercy (1Peter 5:10-11).

Your servant in Christ,

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