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- Counselling
- Education
- Evangelism
- Discipleship

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Dear brother/ collaborator,

Brotherly Greetings. I hope you are enjoying the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am very thankful to God for His grace and mercy that He is showing me here in Peru. The situation is bothersome, but the Lord takes care of me and watches over me ☺. I want to **emphasize God's goodness amid adversity** in this newsletter. You'll soon get to know why.

Actual situation

With regards to the situation of covid- 19, I can attest that we continuously get messages of sisters of the church whose family members are infected and sometimes die. This is also the case for students of the school. They get ill or members of their family get ill. But, at the same time we see God at work healing and saving souls through prayer. Glory to God! (Mathew 18:14).

Upgrading events

In July and August we participated in several events. One of the highlights for me was the congress of ACSI from 10-14 of august. The main theme was: “Forming valiant thinkers. The school that prepares leaders that stand up against adversity. The Lord provided a sponsor so that we could participate at this congress! ☺

One of the workshops that inspired me was: “How to increment the moral commitment of the parents toward the school”. The principles of the Hebrew/Biblical world view were addressed, which is a community vision. In this approach there is no dichotomy of responsibility or authority toward the student. It's an open approach in which the school takes upon itself to care for the whole family and not just the student. According to this approach the school has to take some factors into account: sensitivity toward cultural needs, type- and condition of the family. Through this partnership a stronger community is created.

Cell group of Los Angeles



We started with a WhatsApp group in order to keep in contact with the children and their parents. Its progress is a bit slow.

Due to the fact that there are some people infected with covid -19 in the neighborhood of the children, we cannot visit them yet.

During our leaders' meeting on zoom

Give thanks for:

- ✚ God's preservation of my life ☺;
- ✚ Packages of food we handed out ☺;
- ✚ God's daily protection and care ☺;
- ✚ A special package as a gift ☺;
- ✚ Spiritual blessings in Christ ☺;
- ✚ Opportunities for upgrading ☺;
- ✚ Favors of God ☺;
- ✚ God's word and His guidance ☺.

Pray for:

- ✚ Provision for school to pay loans;
- ✚ Wisdom for counselling and discipleship;
- ✚ Protection of God in situation of high risk;
- ✚ Opportunity to minister to parents;
- ✚ Salvation of Peruvians;
- ✚ Care of my mother;
- ✚ Protection of La Roca ministry;
- ✚ Opportunities for evangelism;
- ✚ Provision to buy prescription glasses.



Personnel of La Roca Christian School

Discipleship

The ladies Vicma and Jessica are facing difficult times. Please pray that they'll persevere in trusting and depending on the Lord. And also that they'll have enough to maintain their children and pay their monthly expenses!

A personal note– testimony

I am going to share a testimony with you how God preserved my life.

On August the 24th I read Psalm 121 in an English Bible version that I hardly ever use. The words that touched me were: "My help comes from the Lord. The Lord Himself watches over you. The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade. The Lord keeps you from all evil and preserves your life". These verses touched me a lot and I felt that the Lord spoke clearly to me.

Two days after this, my cooking gas was finished and I asked the brother in charge to let someone check my gas installation to see if there was leakage. This was the second time that I ran out of gas a couple of weeks earlier than normal. This brother answered: no if it remains for two months it's ok. I said ok. So I went and talked to the brother who buys and connects the gas cylinder. Since we had a reserve this brother went right away to my apartment and connected the new cylinder of gas for me.

I walked back to my apartment. The brother told me to put on my stove to see if everything was ok. When I entered my apartment I smelled a weird smell. So I decided to revise my apartment to see if there was something wrong, but I didn't find anything in particular. My stove was off. Hence I thought: it might be because the new gas had just been connected. I put on the stove and I noticed that some air escaped before it kept fire. I put off the stove and put it on again and this time it lit normal.

After this I realized that the weird smell was not diminishing or getting away. I asked my neighbor to check for me if my apartment smelled gas. She told me she smelled matches and no gas. Then I opened another window and the door, but the smell wasn't getting away. I asked another sister to check for me and she told me that she smelled some gas, but it was probably due to the new gas that was connected shortly ago. Then I entered my apartment and started to feel like my eyes were 'burning'. I got out, as I thought: this surely is gas. I called for the brother that had connected the gas. It turned out that I had a leakage of gas in my kitchen and outside, at the gas connection. So, the two times that I put on the stove should have resulted in big explosions, for my house was full of gas!!



I don't have words to thank God for His love and protection on my life! He spoke before hand with me about His protection. And He really showed it!!☺ The Lord preserved my life and He has a purpose with my life. I want to encourage you to trust

and depend on the Lord, for He is worthy of your trust!

Final Word

The situation I faced let me see how small, insignificant and vulnerable I am as a person. God is almighty and nonetheless He chose to care for me (Psalm 8:4). Likewise, we have invisible enemies in our lives, and He protects and guards us (Ephesians 6:12). The Lord keep and guard you under His wings!

Your servant in Christ,

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