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Mission's focus:

- Counselling
- Education
- Evangelism
- Discipleship

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Dear brother/collaborator,

Warm Greetings from Lima, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am thankful to you for your prayers and/or financial support. The Lord reward you for your faithfulness in this (Luke 6:38) 😊!

Situation of public health

We are wrestling with three health issues at this time in Peru: Covid-19, diphtheria and dengue (since October 2019). The Peruvian government declared an epidemiologic alert for the illness of diphtheria after the discovery of some cases recently. It then decided to offer vaccines in Lima in order to detain the spread of this illness.

Amplification of school tasks

I am actually assisting the primary school teachers as an assistant during the classes of Google meet. I help out with: the registration of the students, with technical problems and I consult with the parents when I detect certain lacking behaviors or difficulties of the students. Besides that, I provide private tuition of English to one student who has some difficulty learning.

Participation in new cell group

In the month of October, I joined another cell group temporarily, because right now we cannot continue with our cell group at Los Angeles. The second time I participated it was my turn to share about my devotion time. I shared about the life of Jehoshaphat, for it has impacted me a lot (2 Chronicles 17- 20).

Jehoshaphat gives us a good example to follow in situations of adversity, like this time of pandemic that we are facing. I remember when the pandemic reached Peru in March, I asked the Lord: what should I do now? How should I continue with my ministry? The Lord Himself guided me according to His Word that I got at that time, in Psalm 138: 8 that says: that He will accomplish His purpose in me. The Lord opened up opportunities so that I could minister in ways I didn't expect to.

Discipleship, counselling and evangelism

I started with discipleship and counselling face-to-face in august. This was due to the lack of privacy and social media of certain sisters in Christ. I am ministering outside with the necessary precautions.

As for evangelism, there is limited chance to have personal conversations, but I share tracts when I leave home to do errands. I noted that despite the fact that we are in difficult times more and more people don't want to hear from God and reject the tracts (2 Timothy 3: 1-4)!

Caribbean Summit

On October 31st I participated in a "Caribbean Summit 2020 Panorama of the missiology world". This was organized by the Ministry "Sembrando para la eternidad" of the missionaries Kenneth & Valerie Balootje. It was a great conference to create consciousness and activate Christians for world missions and the challenges that come with it nowadays.

Give thanks for:

- ✚ New opportunities to serve in the school;
- ✚ God's provision although my support diminished;
- ✚ God's daily protection and care;
- ✚ Answers of prayers;
- ✚ New friendships here in Peru;
- ✚ Blessings that I received from the Lord;
- ✚ Participation in a new cell group;

Pray for:

- ✚ Provision and choice of adequate glasses;
- ✚ Wisdom for discipleship and counselling;
- ✚ For God to touch those who are lost;
- ✚ Protection of the ministry of La Roca and its missionaries;
- ✚ Salvation of tribes and ethnic groups in Peru;
- ✚ Provision for the families of Vicma and Jessica;
- ✚ Peace and quietness in the difficult situation of Peru.



Personnel of La Roca Christian School



What struck me was (1) that most of the world's resources (87% of the servants & material /financial resources) go to places where there are Christians, while only 1% goes to the part of the world that has not been evangelized! This is the so called 10-40 window (check the square in the image below).



These countries imply Muslim countries and the poorest of the world; (2) God is calling women to participate in transcultural missions as children of God, mothers and spouses (3). The countries that have not been reached require a different approach, where women can play an important role. They can connect effectively with the women and minister to them and their kids.

These places are in particular Muslim, so the men cannot communicate with the women...

Personal loss

In the motions of life things happen that we don't expect, like the loss of our loved ones. With a lot of sorrow, I had to 'say goodbye' virtually of two friends, one precious sister in Christ of our church Emmanuel and the mother of my cousins. They all passed away during the last two months. The comfort I have in the first three cases, is that they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, and are thus in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 116:15).

Political situation in Peru

I want to ask your prayers especially for the actual situation in Peru. The president Martin Vizcarra was ousted on November 9th by the Peruvian congress and that same day Manuel Merino replaced him. This led to a lot of protests and uproar in Lima. On November 15th Merino left the presidency on petition of the congress. On November 17th another president: Francisco Sagasti was elected. So now that we are in a health and social-economic crisis a political chaos emerged. Please pray that peace and quietness will return here in Peru.

Final Word,

Finally, I want to encourage you to contribute with missions in the 10-40 window by: (1) praying to the Lord to send workers in this field (Mathew 9: 37-38); (2) mindfulness of other believers of the needs in this area. Be sure to share your faith in Christ with others so they get to know that there is life after death and that they must decide before they pass away where they want to spend eternity (Hebrews 9: 27).

God bless you and watch over you always (Numbers 6: 24)!

Your servant in Christ,

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