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Mission's focus:

- Counselling
- Education
- Evangelism
- Discipleship

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Dear brother/collaborator,

I greet you from Lima with gratitude in my heart for the last two months. I thank God for your partnership in the form of donations and prayer 😊! I also thank God for the four months that I stayed in Curacao. I was there at the time of crisis -the second wave of covid-19, accompanying my mother. That was actually one of my prayer petitions before I went to Curacao. This time was a bit difficult, but thanks to the grace of God we didn't get sick (Psalm 103: 4)!

Covid-19 situation in Peru

At this moment Peru is continuing with its campaign of vaccination. The eldest are being vaccinated first and then the younger people. At the end of June 13.7% of the 33 million people have received their first shot. Peru has introduced extra measures to counter arrest the virus, like the use of double masks outside on the streets, besides the curfew. Recently the cases started to decrease. We still regularly get news of acquaintances that got covid-19 or who died because of covid-19. Please continue praying for this situation; for us to preach the gospel with conviction so many will convert to Christ.



Vaccination of the indigenous



"I put my shoulder for my community"

Political situation in Peru

As I remarked formerly, there were elections in Peru and a new president was elected on June 6th. This new president has not been officially announced and declared, and this is causing some uncertainty in Peru. It was announced that at this time the votes are being counted, while there are investigations going on with regards to the alleged cases of fraud.

It is possible that this delay in officially announcing the new president could be caused, because a change from a right-wing government to a left-wing one is a radical change in power.

Let us pray that God will guide the processes so they can take place in peace and quietness and that we will continue to have the freedom to practice our faith.

La Roca Christian School (LRCS)

On May 9th and June 18th, we celebrated Mother's, respectively Father's Day virtually with the School. This was a celebration with a lot of presentations of the students and teachers, the parents participated as well. At the beginning of June, the first trimester ended.

Thanksgiving:

- ✚ God's faithfulness and an important promise that is fulfilled;
- ✚ God's protection during this pandemic;
- ✚ Blessings that I got while in Curacao;
- ✚ That LRCS could continue virtually;
- ✚ Opportunities to serve during this time of pandemic;
- ✚ God's mercy and grace in difficult situations.

Prayer petitions:

- ✚ God's mercy for the Peruvian folks;
- ✚ God's guidance for my responsibilities with the school and ministries in this year;
- ✚ Protection of the missionaries of La Roca and for the ministry of La Roca;
- ✚ Wisdom for the management of the LRCS with regards to decision making;
- ✚ Clarity and resolution of the political situation in Peru;
- ✚ Improvement of the situation of covid-19 in Peru.



Pèrsonnel di La Roca Christian School Personnel

It is always a joy for me to work with the kids of LRCS. Especially those of the primary school. They are very enthusiastic and participate well during class. 😊 The students of the Secondary school are more reserved. Some of them are confronting emotional- psychological difficulties due to the lock down and sickness caused by covid-19 in their families. Anxiety and depression are caused, for the parents keep their children inside, to prevent them from getting covid-19. This creates emotional- and psychologically difficult situations for their children. Besides that, the students are most of the time on the internet and on social media during the day. This leads to the development of dependency issues with 'gaming' and watching websites that have contents that are harmful for them.



I continue with formation of the students of the secondary school through classes of 'tutoria'. Topics that I have addressed were: Depression & Loss, Anxiety and Honesty. During the last class on Depression & Loss I addressed an example of the Bible that had touched me, which was the life of Joseph. Joseph has suffered many great losses in his life without getting depressed or bitter!

It is very interesting to study the reasons that led him to have victory over the significant trials that he had to endure (Gen. 37-50)! 😊

School for parents

LRCS started with its 'School for Parents'. The intention of this was to support the parents in the education of their children. This takes place once a month. The first workshop was on last May 21st. The theme was "Impact of Christian education on the family". This was presented by Pastor Juan Barrientos. It was about how Christian parents have to prepare their children and then let them in a world of darkness. The workshop of June 25th was on "The dangers of the internet". The speaker was Pastor Oscar Ugarte of ACSI. He addressed how parents can be a good example for their children, by not depending on their phone. He also talked about how to prevent dependency and vices of the children. 😊

Counselling and evangelism

After I returned to Peru in June, I continued with virtual counselling I didn't have any personal encounter for counselling yet.

I also continued with evangelism using folders. Sometimes during the handing out of folders, I encounter a person who is happy to get a folder on the gospel. Some people stay aloof or reject the folder, as soon as I tell them what it is about. :(

Final word

Concluding, I would like to encourage you to continue trusting and depending on our Lord and Savior. He makes a way for us and makes our path smooth in our actual storm. The Lord is our Deliverer, 'Jehovah Mephalti' (Psalm 18:2).

Your servant in Christ,

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