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*Come and hear, all you who fear God
And I will declare what He has done for my soul.
~Psalm 66:16*

**"The LORD is my strength and my shield; in
him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my
heart exults, and with my song I give thanks
to him."**

~Psalm 28:7

Dear Friends,

Imagine if you, your wife, and your ten-year-old son were the only source of spiritual edification in a town of about 20,000 people. You are doing the best you can with the limited knowledge and resources you have, but your church has about four faithful members, and idolatry and witchcraft are not just words out of the Old Testament, but real daily struggles you come up against as you try to share the Gospel and minister where God has placed you.

on a short-term missions trip. Our goal, as with all our missions trips, was three-fold; to spread the Gospel and build the Kingdom; to encourage our church members to participate in and consider missions as a calling in their lives; and to encourage and build up the Body of Christ in the local church where we visit.



Our missions team members in Pueblo Nuevo de Colan

We certainly had the joy of fulfilling those three goals as we came alongside Pastor Armando, his wife Flor, and his son Set (Seth in English) at Bethel Baptist Church in Pueblo Nuevo. Together with our team members, we prepared evangelistic children's programs, evangelistic sports programs, church services, and a marriage workshop. We also did street evangelism in the market and the plaza.



Back Row: Jimmy, Carlos, Flor, Pastor Armando, Pastor Raul
Front Row: Jessica, Yasmina, Claudia, Rocio, Ruth, Keesa, Jorge





Street evangelism in the marketplace

family, who are left with the daunting task of continuing to build and strengthen the kingdom of God in Pueblo Nuevo.



College and Career Group

Back in Lima, we continue with our normal ministry; teaching, preaching, evangelizing, discipling, and counseling. One of our great joys the past couple of months has been seeing our College and Career Bible study group staying steady and even growing. We have four new young men attending each week. None of the four are believers yet, but each week Jorge has the privilege of talking with them, answering their questions, and gently pointing them towards Christ. Please be in prayer for Carlos, Juan (not the same Juan as our pastor's son!), Eduardo, and Marlon.



Games and activities help strengthen learning and bring the Bible alive each week.

Keesa has also been able to use her ongoing studies in education, learning, and cognitive science to bring some fun to our weekly Bible studies. Not only that, but as we've been going through a series on Emotions in the Bible, she has also shared some of what she has been learning in her counseling classes



Jorge shares the Gospel at a funeral

It hasn't all been fun and games, though. We've also had several funerals in the past couple of months, one of a church member and the others of friends or family of church members. While it's always hard to see brothers and sisters take that final step on life's road, we rejoice knowing that they are finally delighting fully in God's perfect presence. And every funeral is also an opportunity to share the Gospel with unbelieving friends, family members, neighbors, and coworkers.



Jorge preaching at Filadelfia on Sunday morning

September and October are also the start of end-of-year preparations for us, both at school and at church. We are starting to feel those final exams, graduation programs, and mountains of end-of-year documents breathing down our necks, so please keep us in your prayers. Please pray for wise use of time, for good life-ministry balance, and for calm and unhurried spirits.

Please also join us in praying for upcoming special ministry opportunities:

On **October 31st** we will have an all-night vigil of prayer and fasting for the spread of the Gospel in Villa el Salvador and around the world.

The **last Sunday in November** we will celebrate Thanksgiving with a potluck meal and a special program including songs, testimonies, and skits.

Jorge will be travelling to **Piura** twice, once in October and once in November. Please pray for safe travels for him. Please also pray for wisdom and discernment as he looks at the possibilities of opening new Bible Institutes in the north of Peru.

And, last but not least, we have big news: **we will be traveling to the States at the end of December!** It will be the first time we've been back to the States since before the pandemic, and the first time Keesa has spent Christmas with

Although we know the holidays are the worst possible time, we are still hoping to meet up with as many of you as possible while we are there. It's been such a long time since we were able to see you face to face and share our joy in what the Lord is doing here!

Thank you all so very much for your continued love and support. We are privileged to serve alongside you here in Peru.

Rejoicing in Christ,

Jorge and Keesa

Prayer Requests:

PRAISE:

**For the success of the mission trip to Pueblo Nuevo de Colan
For the growth of the youth group, both physical and spiritual
For the new believers who have come to Christ, and for the many seeds that
have been planted**

PRAY:

**For Pastor Armando and his family in Pueblo Nuevo
For the salvation of Carlos, Juan, Eduardo and Marlon
For the families who have lost loved ones
and the Gospel seeds that were planted
For end-of-year preparations
For the vigil in October
For the Thanksgiving celebration in November
For Jorge's travels
For our trip to the States**

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