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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,

Well, May was quite the month! I (Keesa) managed to come down with dengue fever in May and ended up having to spend about ten days on bed rest. Thankfully the illness never progressed to the point where a hospital stay would have been necessary. Recovery has been slow but steady; I feel much better but I don't have much energy yet and I still get tired easily. The doctor says that's normal for dengue and will probably persist for a few weeks.



Leo teaching the pastors in the Bible Institute

At the beginning of May/end of April, we had the pleasure of hosting fellow World Reach missionary Leo Arriaga, from El Salvador. He and Jorge spent two weeks in Piura teaching pastors in the Bible Institute and visiting and encouraging small churches there. They also visited Pueblo Nuevo de Colan, a small town in Piura where we will be doing a short-term missions trip with our church in July.



Pueblo Nuevo de Colan

We also took advantage of the fact that Leo was with us to hold a young adult fellowship. The theme of the night was My Youth for Christ, and we invited young adults from two other churches. We had over 70 young adults that evening, and it was a wonderful opportunity for our college and career group to get to know people from other churches and make new friends. Please be in prayer for these young men and women, that they would walk in Christ and be "rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Col. 2:6-7)



Over 70 young adults at our youth fellowship

In April, we had an evangelistic outing with our young adult group. We visited the cancer hospital in the center of Lima and shared breakfast sandwiches and the Gospel with the people waiting in line at the hospital. Many of them leave home as early as 4 in the morning and then have to stand in line for hours in order to get appointments, so the breakfast sandwiches were greatly appreciated. Our favorite part of the outing was seeing our young adults actually getting up the courage to share the Gospel with the people they talked with. What a joy!







Sharing breakfast and the Gospel outside the cancer hospital in Lima.

Since last year we've had a ladies' Bible study at Filadelfia that meets once a month on Fridays. This year the men also started a men's group/Bible study. Like the ladies, they meet once a month for Bible study, but during the month they also do service projects for church members. Last week Jorge and a

strong in the faith, be a faithful reflection of Christ, and lead their families with selfless love.



Men's Group at Filadelfia

In Sunday School, our little classroom continues to overflow each week, with an average of 15 kids from 4-6. However, several of my students turn 7 this year and will be moving up to the next class. Please pray for my little munchkins, that they will always love God as much as they do now and that they will always be as eager to hear His Word.



About 6 of my Sunday School students move up to the next class this year.

In home news, our city council is finally paving the roads outside our house! It may seem strange to think that we've been living on a dirt road in the middle of the city all these years, but we have. Over the past 8 years the mayor has been really working hard to get the roads in Villa el Salvador paved, but ours has been one of the last on the list. Of course while they're working on it, the noise and the dust is absolutely unbelievable, but once they're finished, we



Eventually these roads will be paved!

Moving into June, we are celebrating Family Day at church this Sunday. After the service we will have a shared meal and family-friendly games. It's a great opportunity to invite unsaved family members, and I am especially praying that the parents of my Sunday School students will attend. (About half my kids come to church with a grandparent or another family member and do not have Christian parents.) Please join us in praying for Alejandro, Valentina, Valeska, Frida, Gael, Dayeli, and Zoe, that their parents would come to Family Day and hear the Gospel message.

At school we are wrapping up first term evaluations this week. The start of a new term means we need the new English materials for the term to be ready as soon as possible, so please be in prayer for me as I try to get those finished on time. Thanks to the dengue, I am behind on pretty much everything, but trying to catch up little by little.

Please also be praying for our short-term missions trip to Piura in July. We will

and outreach. Please pray for hearts open to hearing the Gospel and encouragement for the church there. Pray also for those who will accompany us on this trip, that the Lord would work in and through them, and that the trip would be a blessing to them as well as to those we minister to.

Thank you so very much for your ongoing prayers and support. We are blessed to partner with you for the Kingdom here in Peru!

Rejoicing in Christ,

Jorge and Keesa

Prayer Requests:

PRAISE:

For health and strength to continue serving
For the outreach and evangelism programs last month
For the spiritual growth of our church family at Filadelfia

PRAY:

For unsaved family members to hear the Gospel this Sunday
For the missions trip to Piura
For the English curriculum at La Roca to be done on time

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