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## “Unto him be glory...”

*“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us...” Ephesians 2:20-21*

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,  
I pray this letter finds you rejoicing in God's blessings, knowing that each day of life is a gift of renewed mercy from His hand. I thank you for your interest in reading this letter and learning more about our ministry. God has been at work powerfully here in Arequipa over the last year. While His work is almost *always* challenging, His grace is *infinite*! And, by that very grace, you and I can be laborers together with Him. Admittedly, you are part of only a handful of supporters that we have (5-6 each month). You may be few, BUT God is an expert in doing **much** with **little**. To us, you are our “5 loaves & 2 fish” that God provides each month. Your prayers & financial contributions are abundantly multiplied to support three pastors (myself, Edwin Mamani, and Luis Medina) as well as their ministries. We humbly thank you!



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## Update from the Field...

I've experienced many accidents over the years as I've worked biovocationally as a pastor and in construction. I've fallen from high rises while building churches, I've broken a rib, I've been rolled over in an old Russian car traveling through the precipice of the Andes mountains, and most recently, I was in a rear-end collision. It was nearly 11PM, and I was returning home from our church plant in Ciudad Majes with a group of young people. We were on the Pan-American highway approaching a tunnel when we saw a tractor trailer stopped in the middle of the highway. By the time we saw the car in front of us slam on their brakes, it was too late. I braced for impact in the front passenger seat of our 12-passenger Hyundai van; and, I immediately became painfully aware that the weight of my entire body shifted to my shoulder and upper arm. I was taken to the hospital in an ambulance; but, I was released in the morning. I knew I needed surgery, but I didn't quite know what to do since my wife was in Lima and my son was in Cusco at the time. It took several days to understand the vehicle insurance coverage, get into a private clinic, and evaluate surgery options. 6 days after the accident, I was operated on and had rods/pins/screws placed in my upper arm to address the 7 bone fragments there. (I was released just in time to participate in our seminary's graduation ceremony with our invited guest, IPM President Dr. Kevin Callahan.) It's been a year now since that operation, and I am still recovering in all honesty. At 71 years of age, my body just doesn't bounce back like it did before. My range of motion and strength are both limited in my right arm. Even so, I thank God that I am still here to continue the work that has been entrusted to me! My son and I have a saying - each time we leave on a trip, we say: “I'm leaving with God; if I don't return, I'm with Him.” While not the case this time, I'll be happy when the Lord finally does call me Home. Until that glorious day, I will continue to give Him my utmost strength and personal best. Please do pray for my complete recovery. Please also pray for the outstanding repairs needed to fix the damage to our ministry vehicle. We are praying for **\$1,800** to restore the van to proper safety.

The heroic story of Daniel and his three friends in the Bible is marked with courage, fidelity, and rebellion against the world system. Their testimony drives me and inspires me in my work of training three church leaders at “Eternity Baptist Church” in the district of Miguel Grau. My fervent desire is to guide these young men (Noah, Fredy, and Manuel) to courageously and faithfully



Post-op with my wife & Dr. Callahan



Our ministry vehicle (before accident)



Left to right: Noah, Fredy, and Manuel



Leader Abdon with Missionary Elias



39th Anniversary Service in Park

## Other Prayer Needs

Please join us in praying for the following:

- \$500 for Bibles for our Evangelism ministry team
- \$1,000 for two TV's to use as teaching tools in the children's Sunday school room and nursery
- \$800 to replace the nursery room flooring
- \$1,500 to remodel the walls of the church office & nursery

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serve God, leaving the world behind them in pursuit of the cross before them. As a front-row spectator, I have witnessed God's transforming work in their lives, masterfully molding them into valiant servants. I've watched as God lifted them out of the miry pit of sin, led them across the valley of death, and walked them through the fiery furnace where they are currently enjoying the very presence of Jesus in the midst of their difficulties. Please pray for each of them by name. They all work full-time jobs in order to support their families. By God's grace and because of their faithful service in this small church, the work is growing little by little. Praise God!

While the world around us seems to disparage the elderly, we know God certainly esteems them highly. Abdon Alvarez is more than 80 years old, and he is our faithful leader in our missionary church plant in Candahua (an agricultural town located in the cold, distant mountains of southern Peru). He has lived his entire life in the high altitudes of the Andes Mountains, raising livestock and crops. After years and years of holding regular meetings in his modest little home in the wee hours of the morning (at 4AM, before the workday begins at 5AM), he surprised me one day with a special prayer request. With great conviction, he said, "Pastor, let's pray for a piece of land to build our church." As I stared at my dear friend and brother in the Lord, aged and weathered, with a passionate dream in his heart, my mind was immediately taken to the story of Caleb when he asked Joshua for his part in the inheritance promised by Moses. Joshua 14:12 rang out in my soul, "Now therefore give me this mountain...the Lord will be with me." After that day, brother Abdon was determined to get a piece of land for the church. For months on end, he went door to door asking far and wide to see if someone might be willing to donate land. And, he didn't just get land - he got a BEAUTIFUL piece of land. After completing the necessary paperwork, Abdon challenged the other believers to make their own bricks to begin to build. Our principal church responded, too. Believers in Arequipa donated construction materials, while others requested time off work to travel the 9+ hours to go build the temple, while others gave monetary contributions for the finishing touches. In September 2024, we held the first inauguration service in the completed temple, now called "I Am The Way" Christian Baptist Church. The entire town watched as their criticisms came to naught - what they thought would never materialize, would never resist the strong winds, would never get finished, etc., became a strong pillar of truth and testimony before their very eyes. That special day, God used our 80-something-year-old friend to revolutionize his town as at least 17 people received Christ. As a result of the need there, our principal church has sent a faithful servant, Elias Guzman, as a missionary to help the work in Candahua. He travels every other weekend to encourage the believers in this remote area. Please pray for him, his health, safety, wisdom & financial provision.

Thirty-nine years! It's hard to believe that Christian Baptist Church of Alto Selva Alegre was planted by God's grace and sovereignty 39 years ago! We started the church plant in a rented garage. Early in its inception, I still remember opening that garage door one Sunday morning to be overwhelmed by a putrid odor. It took a little while for me to find the source, but eventually I discovered the problem. Dead animals had been thrown on the metal roof, and, as you can imagine, the hot & arid desert sun had worsened the situation. The grotesque message was clear: Arequipa was the "Little Rome of South America," and **no one** was going to change that! The staunch Catholics all around us did not approve of "Christian heretics" settling in so closely. As accusations from our Catholic neighbors escalated, it wasn't uncommon for us to have undercover or investigative police in attendance at our church services. While I could share countless stories, the most important point is that God uses bad intentions for His good and glory! God has used this garage-church plant to establish 18 missionary works throughout Arequipa over our 39 years. By God's grace, Arequipa's "Little Rome" now has baptist churches scattered far and wide. To celebrate our anniversary service in November, we rented a small sports park just down the street from the church to accommodate more than 300 attendees from our different missionary churches. It truly was a joyous time of fellowship, personal testimonies, praising God's goodness & faithfulness, as well as praying for our next 39 years of fulfilling the Great Commission with greater conviction.

***A big bug in Christ from Arequipa,***

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