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In Him there is no distinction...

"When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician; but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." - Mark 2:17

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,
Thank you to each and every one of you for praying for us and supporting us financially. I thank God for His faithfulness to us through the years and for His abundant & miraculous provision through so many of you. I stopped working construction roughly 7 years ago, as the years of wear and tear inevitably caught up with me. This month, I turned 72 years old. Surely, I have faced overwhelming circumstances at times; but, God has never forsaken me. He has always accompanied me as my "+1" in the fiery furnaces of life and ministry. Truly, I owe Him so much - my body, my life, my everything! I pray I will be useful to His purposes of rescuing lost souls from the pit of hell until my final breath here on earth.



Yoselyn (front & center) at her new church



Diana before her AIDS was detected



Daniel & Sonia Araujo

Update from the Field...

God continues to accomplish His sovereign work here in Arequipa. By His grace, He is still transforming hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. His power has no limits, and His love has no end. This is what I can testify to as I have witnessed His redemptive work in several lives over the past few months.

Jesus Christ was a friend of sinners, known to have walked among the most marginalized of society. He could see spiritual conditions of mankind that sinful man was blinded to by prejudice and judgment. To this day, He still seeks to save what mankind rejects, criticizes, and dehumanizes. We thank God for the privilege we had in meeting a young lady named Yoselyn. She fled from the economic/political crisis in Venezuela and came to Peru several years ago. Sadly, like many Venezuelan women, she began selling her body for profit to survive. She attended a women's ministry meeting one Friday night, where she heard the gospel message of salvation. She couldn't resist God's tugging at her heart any longer and received Christ as her Lord & Savior that evening. In a sincere moment of deliverance, she confessed her sin publicly to the group of ladies in the meeting. She was received with welcoming, warm embraces as everyone celebrated her regeneration in Christ. She had been attending our church services faithfully until her family members (several of whom had been attending our church off and on for several years) found out she had openly publicized her past lifestyle. Out of shame, they forbade her from attending our church again. Unfortunately, we haven't seen a single one of her family members since. While she is no longer congregating with us, we are thankful to know that Yoselyn is indeed a new creation. The sanctifying work of God is at work in her life even now, as she is attending a different church closer to where she lives along with her family. She is growing in the Lord, and for that, we thank God!

Diana is an early childhood education teacher. She was living with her husband and daughter when she began to have health problems. She went to the hospital to be evaluated and received some horrifying news. She had unknowingly contracted AIDS, but not from infidelity or promiscuity of any type on her part. The only obvious culprit had to be her husband, and she quickly discovered he was unfaithful to her with several other women. In a devastating blow, her unrepentant husband abandoned her, taking their daughter with him. Diana was left alone, in deep despair, in deteriorating health, and with



Jesús Carrasco Surco



Natan Carrasco Gonzales

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Please join us in praying for these ongoing, unmet financial needs:

- \$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 which is not ideal for little ones who fall, hit their heads, etc.
- \$1,500 to remodel the walls of the church office & nursery
- \$1,800 for an electronic piano. After years and YEARS of use, ours broke down and is irreparable. We have been missing it in our Sunday worship services for months and are praying for a new one to help our Music Ministry team get back to normal, as well as teach prospective students how to play the piano in service to the Lord.

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depression and suicidal thoughts clouding her heart and mind. That is when the Lord allowed a sister in the church to make contact with Diana and begin to establish a relationship. Eventually, my wife Sonia was able to make contact with Diana. Diana was crippled by fear of leaving her house and infecting others, but gradually Sonia convinced her to meet at our house on several occasions. One day, she put her faith and trust in Jesus Christ! Her countenance once marked by such heavy sadness and dismay began to shine glimpses of hope. She was able to attend church services for a while, though always battling anxiety while being around others. Then, her health worsened, and she is no longer able to leave her house at all. Please, pray for this babe in the faith to be comforted, nourished, and encouraged by God's power and Word in the midst of her suffering.

We know this well: God did not come for the "whole," but for the vulnerable, the sick, and the helpless. We will never fully understand God's ways, but we are grateful to see Him keeping His Word and promises to be a Father to the fatherless in the wake of COVID-19. As in the lives of Natan and Jesús, 15-and-16-year-old teenagers, who lost their earthly fathers in the pandemic. At such young ages, God has allowed them to face tremendous trials to refine their faith. Over the past two years, I have been working closely with Natan and Jesús, discipling them in my home and trying to provide them a fatherly example as well as affection. As I spend time with them, I am often flooded with memories of my own son at their age and the lessons he learned, the questions he asked, and the countless lunch outings we had together. I pray to our Heavenly Father that these lonely teenagers will grow into mighty men of God. Both of them work to help their widowed mothers make ends meet. Jesús was accepted into and began studying at one of the best universities in the city. His goal is to share the gospel and serve others through his studies. Natan is the top student in his class and also acts as the School Body President. Both are diligent young men who commit themselves fully to their discipleship classes, memorize Bible verses with dedication, and share what they are learning with others. Seeing them grow fills me with joy. Please join me in prayer for them!

On a personal note, I'd like to thank all who have given financially towards my wife's surgery. She is unable to undergo laser surgery right now because her condition doesn't currently satisfy the requirements. We thank God that the pressure in her eyes has not gone up and is being maintained. We also thank God for His goodness in providing us with the needed funds to cover the surgery when the doctor does authorize it. Meanwhile, please keep praying for Sonia's health. She underwent several exams to see what was causing certain symptoms, and a mass as well as a fissure were detected in her intestines. After waiting more than two months for the biopsy result, we are thankful to report that the mass was benign. While, humanly speaking we were nervous, God was our strength in our weakness. Since those results, Sonia also underwent further exams that detected gallstones and possibly porcelain gallbladder. We are pursuing a second opinion about that diagnosis and surgery options available to us. Please pray for our wisdom, diligence, and God's timing in these matters. I'd also like to thank you for the contribution we received towards our ministry vehicle repairs. Praise the Lord, the van is operational and is serving its important purposes of transporting faithful servants and laborers into the Andes mountains for missions, carrying heavy loads for camp ministry and other outreaches when large materials are needed, and taking groups of people on visitation or to participate in key ministry events. While I do not know how to drive, God has surrounded me with faithful men who willingly volunteer their time to accompany me on endless adventures. I am thankful for that, for them, and for the opportunities to disciple them as we ride along together to serve the Lord! Lastly, I'd like to ask for your prayers for our adopted daughter, Abigail. She'll be turning 15 in August, a monumental age in Latino culture as she is no longer recognized as a child but as a young lady. Abigail was baptized over two years ago, was discipled by Celeste, and is currently serving in our Children's Ministry. As many of you know, these formative years can be used by Satan in powerful ways to devour and destroy the most beautiful and sacred parts of a youth's innocence. Please pray that Abigail will stand strong in God's armor against the wiles of the devil! Thank you - thank you for being a part of our family and ministry through your prayers and support. We love you in the Lord!

A big hug in Christ from Arequipa, Peru -
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