



To Our Faithful Supporters,

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## “Knowing God’s Timing”

Proverbs 27:1 “Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”

I’m reminded often that my plans for the day don’t coincide with what actually takes place. It’s completely different on a foreign field, where it can take you all day to accomplish something that should only take a few minutes. Working on one project reveals work needed on other projects. Evangelizing for days with no fruit, while other days fruit abounds. As we look back on these last couple of months there’s much to report of what God has done in His timing.



I was able to locate a house to rent in Chontabamba, where we are starting a new church. I traveled to Huancayo and rented a couple of cattle trucks to transport our items. It was a blessing to have so many from our previous church plant to come assist in the loading. I arrived back in Chontabamba at ten in the evening and was encouraged to have Christian brothers from the surrounding area come to help unload the trucks. I only had two days to arrange items in the house before traveling to Lima to finish more paperwork for our vehicle and drive to Cusco to retrieve my family and dog.

While in Lima I discovered that the law for tinted windows had changed, so our windows would not be approved, but needed to be replaced before waiting four days for the paperwork. These days were spent fellowshiping with veteran missionary Tom Pace and visiting the Christian schools and churches in the area. Once I finished the needed paperwork, I began driving the 21-hour trip from Lima to Cusco by myself through the mountains during rainy season. I arrived safely in two days and praise the Lord for His protection. I was reunited with my family, able to fellowship with the Rickers, missionaries to the deaf in Cusco, and preach in their church that Sunday. We left the following Monday to travel back to Chontabamba through mountains we had never traveled through before and will probably never travel through again due to the danger level. Although I looked at it as an adventure, my wife did not. We were able to stop our first night in Andahuaylas to visit friends and get rest, but our trip on the second day led us through one-lane, dirt roads on mountains with mudslides and wind gusts that increased our prayer life. We arrived late at night in Huancayo, where we took a couple of days to get needed supplies and visit with our friends before traveling the last leg to our new home.

On the evening of March 14<sup>th</sup> we arrived in Chontabamba. The landlord had workers busy doing last minute repairs on the house. We were told that it would be ready to move into upon our arrival, but had workers finishing projects for weeks after we arrived. The yard was not closed in for our dog to be let free, so we chained him up in our yard while moving items into the house. Shortly after, my wife began calling for me in a panicked voice, as our dog had our neighbor’s little dog in his mouth. It was not the first impression that we were looking to have with our neighbors. We’re thankful for their understanding and forgiveness as we have been able to minister to them.



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A couple of weeks after moving into the house and evangelizing in the area, we received a knock at our door from a neighbor at 6:00 am to warn us that the river was overflowing and flooding. This news alarmed us, since our house is only one block from the river. Upon further investigation, our river bank was slightly higher than the other side that was already flooding. The heavy rain and flooding caused much damage to the road entering the jungle area, which would take weeks to repair, leaving stores not able to get supplies and resulting in a food shortage. Electricity, water, and internet were also affected during these times. Again, it was not the welcome we were expecting, but we trusted in God's timing.



I'm now sitting in our new house to write this update after much work has been done these last few months. Water and electricity have been restored, but they are not consistent. We've installed internet and started having



visitors to our house. Evangelism and weekly Bible lessons have begun. On Friday of the Resurrection Week (Semana Santa) we opened our house to show a video on the Power of the Cross with 33 people attending. That Sunday we began a Bible study at 10:00am, with 16 people attending. That evening 32 people attended the showing of the Jesus film. We're starting a children's club to be held each Thursday evening, praying that God uses these ministries to develop a church. Please pray for God's will to be done in His timing.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We rejoice in what God has allowed us to purchase so far and are continuing to seek Him for our upcoming needs with this new start-up.

Vehicle (Purchased)  
 Sunday School Material (Purchased)  
 Sound equipment (Purchased)  
 Bibles and Hymnals (Purchased)  
 Puppets (Purchased)  
 40 White plastic chairs (\$340)

Pulpit (\$200)  
 Church Front Curtain (\$190)  
 Church Invitation Tracts (\$37 per 1,000)  
 Church banners for entrance (\$186)  
 Painting wall for children's club (\$170)

We recognize that each day we rise from our beds we have only God to thank for it. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, so we should celebrate each day and live by honoring God for the gift of life we often take for granted. Our lives can change in a blink of an eye, which gives us an even more powerful purpose to live for today and not brag about anything that may come tomorrow because we may not see tomorrow. God has given us today, and we should rejoice in these moments, not future ones. God's timing is always best. Only He can open doors that no one else can. May we all give glory to God by trusting Him in all things and waiting on Him, knowing that whatever happens, and whenever it happens, it will always work out for the best of those who love God and who are called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28).



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