

....for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose. Phil 2:13

On Belay

Your Ministry
with the
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Family
in Peru

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By Prayer

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8:34b

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To the "rope holders" of the "climbing" team

News on support

God has done so much with the La Union Quechua people since we first began living with them. Just two years ago this people group was unreached with the gospel, and now there are many villages who want and need their own fellowships with good Bible teaching.

We have recently been asked to specifically communicate financial needs for continuing the ministry with the La Union Quechua people. While most have continued partnering with us, some faithful supporters have had to discontinue financial support. Thank you to those who have, and are, faithfully sacrificing to partner in this work.

According to our most recent figures, (dated 6-11-03), pledges are only at about 89% of our "support" requirement. We have received significant gifts toward the **ministry fund** and we are now at about 50% of our monthly "ministry funds" goal. The monthly "support" requirement must be **promised** before we can move back and live in Peru. The "ministry" funds goal is not a requirement, but necessary to do the work.

We recently learned that we **may** return at a lower "support" level, but we would receive \$1,400 per month rather than \$1,700 per month for family expenses while in Peru. We are willing to do that if the Lord wants to further simplify our lives for the sake of the gospel and His glory. However,

if we take that option, we don't see how we can continue our giving to support several Peruvian pastor/missionaries. At this time, we see no other choice if we are to continue the ministry in obedience to Him.

We share this news with you after traveling and working to share the ministry with many churches and families during the past 6 months. Please keep us and these needs before the Lord in Prayer.

The radio project remains in the planning phase until sufficient provision is seen for this potentially effective ministry to the remote villages.

Report from Cotahuasi

Alberto, Freddy, Raul, and others have advised us that some of the ministry has continued as these brothers in the Lord have done their best. Also, they are guarding the rental property and our belongings. The Cotahuasi church waits for our return to continue construction of


their very simple building, which lacks a roof and cement floor. No one is regularly visiting the 12 villages down canyon and so that ministry will need to be developed when we return.

Raul is broadcasting two hours of Christian radio programming to his community of about 1000 people, and hoping for the radio project to open up greater opportunity to reach the whole province with biblical teaching.



Precious in His sight

Jesus knows each of us intimately, and knows exactly what we need spiritually, emotionally, and physically. He loves us and wants us to follow Him and trust Him with every area of our lives. What assurance and peace we can have when we trust Him to lead and direct our lives for His glory. These Biblical truths about the character of God and our relationship with Him are some of the wonderful things we have the privilege to share with the new believers in the Cotahuasi Canyon area. Joy is evident in the lives of many new Quechua Christians. Many rejoice in their new found victory over alcoholism and abuse which is so common in families of rural Peru. Sadly, most are suffering the consequences of many years of sinful living. Please pray for their continuing spiritual growth, victory over sin, and healing grace as they grow through their suffering.


belay (bi-lā') vb. To make fast a rope, to secure a person at the end of a rope. n. a rock to which a mountaineer anchors himself, or another, by a rope.



Only God can redeem people and help their culture which suffers from generations of addictions, marital unfaithfulness, wife beating, and child molestation. Without God's light and truth, they have lacked basic understanding of how marriage and family relationships were meant to thrive. Without godly wisdom, parents are left without skills to build and maintain strong families. Without Christ, they have no hope. But, now God has sent messengers of the "good news," and they can have hope!

The Challenges

Actually, the work in the Cotahuasi Canyon of Peru has just begun. While there are seven new churches, many other villages want their own regular meetings as the new believers form their new churches. But, there are no more leaders, no other pastors to preach and teach the new Christians. Also, many people continue to suffer and die without Christ, not having the opportunities to hear or the encouragement of teaching which can help them to understand.

Now, the challenge is to continue living and working with the new believers, demonstrating what it is to walk with Christ. Through faithfully continuing the Bible teaching, health care, and discipling future pastors and leaders, the churches can slowly mature and reach out to their own communities.

The work has just begun. Now the challenge is to continue living with them, demonstrate what it is to walk with Christ in daily life, and develop the Bible teaching programs.

Local Christian radio is one of the "tools" which we can use to help us in this work. HCJB radio is a ministry with many years experience in Latin America which has offered to help us in engineering and building a local radio station for the La Union Quechua. We will need pledges in monthly support to get it started and to keep this new part of the ministry going.

Praise Him

Praise Him for the hunger and vision of many believers to have their own churches in each village.

Praise Him for several faithful brothers, Alberto, Fredy, and Raul, who continue the work to evangelize and disciple others in the Cotahuasi Canyon.

Praise Him for the faithfulness and consistency of prayer and financial supporters who continue to minister in this work. Their participation helps enable the work to go forward.

Praise Him for giving the opportunity and friends to help us take some time to rest. We were getting very weary and unable to be an encouragement to our friends and family. Rest truly is a part of God's plan and we are so thankful for it.

Please Pray

Pray for the work of the Quechua Christian leaders as they labor to teach and encourage new believers.

Pray for the financial needs of the work.

Pray for the coordination and work of HCJB and others who are helping plan and implement the local radio project

Pray for our family's physical health and energy as we seek to continue in obedience.

Pray for our family's spiritual health and unity as we seek to be faithful and grow in holiness.

Pray for God's love and wisdom as we raise our two precious daughters, Janelle and Cassandra, in often difficult situations.



As we travel in the U.S. and prepare to return to Peru, please pray for God's strength, guidance, protection, and provision as we seek to be faithful and true to His calling. We are indeed weak, but He is strong, mighty, and always faithful.

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