

As you therefore have received  
Christ Jesus the Lord, so  
walk in Him, rooted  
and built up in Him

# On Belay

Your Ministry with  
the  
Shaw  
Family  
in Peru

and established in the faith  
Col 2:6-7

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By Prayer

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



Many years ago, this grandmother was given an expensive short wave radio to listen to Bible programs from far away countries. Even though unable to read, God has made her a witness of His gospel in her community. Introducing David (upper left) to Jesus after his parents both died of alcoholism, David now studies to plant churches.

Thanks to many volunteers and many generous offerings toward the radio project, the Christian radio station (Senda Cristiana) the "Christian Way", is now on the air and reaching thousands of remotely located Quechua farmers. Their villages are so spread out that it is impossible for us to adequately visit and minister to most of them with the regularity and time needed. The radio ministry now allows us to proclaim the gospel

throughout the canyon area, to His praise and glory. Programs are supplementing the teaching of the word between our village visits and really encouraging those involved with various ministries.

Broadcasting began May 10 after several years of prayer, planning, and sacrificial giving. Faith and trials produced fruits of patience, persistence and endurance as many other volunteers both here and in other countries, participated with us in completing the first and biggest phase of the development of "Radio Senda Cristiana". We are thankful for how well the signal is entering many more remote places—better than we expected. Janelle has worked hard to learn and help train others in using the studio for proclaiming God's word. Fredy, Alberto, Santiago, and Jeremias have all been utilizing this great tool for ministry. The programming focuses on Bible, by teaching doctrine and practical life application for the Christian, as well as simple and clear scripture reading in both Quechua and Spanish. Explaining the entire gospel is always the goal of the day's agenda. Many are listening to the programs and music, learning from the Bible, discovering God's holiness, the seriousness and horridness of sin, why and how much we all need a savior, and learning about how God judges and forgives. When we are in the remote villages, it is so helpful to give people the radio frequency numbers, encouraging them to listen after we share the gospel. In this way, they can be spiritually fed, even when they do not know how to read or when there are no missionaries in their village to preach and teach. Thank you to all who gave & participated in getting the radio on the air.

### Hydro electrical Power

Essential for the radio to function, electricity is needed up at the transmission site. The transmitter location is ideal in reaching into the corners and pockets of the canyon where many of the villages are located. But, the challenge to get reliable and cheaper electricity to the site has us and a volunteer engineer looking at using falling water to generate the power. Currently, we use a portable diesel generator which is remotely controlled from the studio (over a one hour drive away).

Please pray for this next phase.

### Remember your blessings

If you have been redeemed through Jesus Christ's death on the cross, then you are God's child, spiritually adopted, chosen by Him, made a

The Christian is one who is to be plainly seen,  
and yet his life is hidden;  
he is a man in the world,  
but not a man of the world;  
he converses with other men,  
and yet his conversation is in heaven.  
He is one who lives to die, and dies to live;  
yet he is dead while he lives, and lives when he dies.  
He seeks not himself when he aims most at his own good;  
He is one who lives in another, and for another;  
he aims at no end but the glory of God,  
God is his all, and his all is God;  
of which there is no end.

C.H. Spurgeon

new creature in Christ. Because of His regenerating miracle in us, we are no longer a part of the systems and values that drive this world, but rather, followers of Jesus Christ

through obedience to His word. This means that often we will not fit in, nor be accepted by those who just cannot see the Truth. Be encouraged in giving Him thanks for His grace and mercy, through your faithful proclamation of Him as your Lord and savior.

From 1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

From John, chapter 6: All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

These words of our Lord are great encouragement to us as we work to share the gospel. The power of God to salvation gives us hope and endurance in continuing to serve Him in difficult circumstances.



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.

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Heb 10:23-24*

Renewal has come as we have been digging into His word and pondering the incredible depth of the riches of His knowledge and wisdom which are ours in Christ Jesus. Because of His grace, we keep growing in appreciation and perspective of how great are His sovereign and all-powerful ways. It overwhelms us to be included in His plan as He uses us to proclaim His truth while He redeems and sets apart a people for Himself and His glory. What mercy and grace, considering that we, as rebellious sinners, unworthy of salvation from the power of sin and justly deserving our due punishment, have been taken out of our hopeless condition and made children of God, brothers of Christ, partakers in the eternal blessings found in Christ. All this, is done by God as He appropriates the suffering and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ toward our debt. The death that we deserve, He died for us in order to give His life to us. What we are unable to do, He has done. He is the only one who has the ability and power to save us. He alone deserves all glory and He alone deserves our worship.

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3). Also, in 2 Corinthians 5:17 we read "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." How can this possibly be? Galatians 2:20 tells us: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is not longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Rejoicing together with those living their new life in Christ is a tremendous privilege for us here. A part of this blessing is encouraging and discipling some of these chosen ones of God. How can we be more and more faithful to His will as we serve Him in this way?

Because we are merely instruments in His hands, called out from sin by His grace to bring glory to Him, we desire to depend more upon Him for wisdom in how we serve Him and serve others. So, we ask for prayer to trust God in more complete and deeper ways as we live and model what it means to follow Christ. We are asking the Lord to help us trust and follow His word more faithfully, teaching others His truth; not only through the use of the Bible's words, but also through our example as we utilize the Bible's very ministry methods we use and live out. He is showing us that, the ministry methods that we utilize are not separate from His truth we proclaim, but that our methods need to be His biblical and complementing methods. So, we ask for your prayer for us, as we desire to remain faithful and true in both the message and the methods. May we avoid inadvertently changing the truth by adapting our methods to sometimes appealing ideas, philosophies, and goals popularly attractive to academia, businesses and governments.

Please pray for His help in keeping faithful to His word. May He continue to transform us into His image by His power and grace, and use us here to see His will done within the La Union Quechua people group.

Please continue to pray for the Lord to do His supernatural work in the people of Cotahuasi Canyon here in the Andes Mountains.

**Defending the faith : a responsibility for each of us.**

Throughout history, each generation of believers has always had the responsibility to stand for the truth of scripture and maintain faithfulness in the midst of error and confusion. Our generation is no different. Jude 3 says, "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints".

As you consider the incredible grace which has been given to you for your salvation, and consider also the trustworthiness of His word, we encourage you to diligently apply time and effort to "present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15-16). Our prayers and blessings for you as you grow in trust and proclaim His truth to all who have ears to hear and faith to believe.



These are several village Christians with whom we minister and disciple. Please pray for Abel, Faustino, and Isidoro and their continued growth in wisdom, faithfulness, and holiness.



**Praises and Prayers**

**Praise Him** - for His transforming work in the hearts of many where we share the gospel and plant churches. There is tremendous openness and spiritual hunger for God's ways, giving us many opportunities for explaining the gospel.

**Praise Him** - for how He is utilizing the radio for His glory.

**Pray** - for Christ centered radio programming, and hydro generator design and construction.

**Pray** - for the physical provision for Peruvians who work with us in sharing the good news: Santiago, Fredy, Alberto, Joel, David, Lorenzo, Faustino, Rosa, Diego.

**Pray** - for our family's health and energy as we continue in obedience.

**Pray** - for our family's spiritual growth as we seek to be changed into Christ's likeness. For Janelle and Cassandra as they study and participate in ministry.

**Pray** - for God's Spirit to illuminate the understanding of many who are hearing and reading the scriptures for the first time, that many would be saved and escape the slavery of their sins. That they would become useful for the Lord in ministry to other needy people.

**Thank you so much  
Brad, Gina, Janelle,  
and Cassandra**

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