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Prayer Update - February, 2020



TEAM KITENI

Árias Family, Rolando, Gladis, Paul and Grace
Joy Akkermann,
Tim and Barbara Whatley

RAINY SEASON UPDATE:

The worst of the rainy season should be past, but we appreciate your continued prayers as it's not quite over yet. We praise the Lord that the Arias family was able to return to Kiteni safely, arriving at 10:30 Tuesday night. The road from Cusco has had many rock, land and mud slides over the last few weeks, but the road was open on Tuesday. However, we had another very heavy rain that night after they arrived and the road was again closed this Wednesday morning. So, we are praising the Lord they got through.

Four days ago, not too far off of the route from Cusco, near Santa Teresa, a small creek was flooded and brought huge quantities of mud and rock down on a village called Sahuayaco. Many people lost their their homes and over 30 people are still missing. Because that flooding was heading our way, even Kiteni was on red alert. However, the flooding had dissipated during the several hours it took for it to travel this far and though the river did come up, it did not reach the proportions that were expected. A number of tourists were stranded in Santa Teresa due to the flooding and had to be evacuated by helicopter back to the city of Cusco.

Our daughter and son-in-law, Alex and Flora Herrera have been visiting his father on the coast who is very elderly and whose health is declining. They left Tacna yesterday to head back to Cusco and on to Pilcopata to continue their ministry. Please pray as they endeavor to get to Pilcopata this week. The road has been closed for the past several weeks due to massive mudslides that destroyed the entire road bed in several stretches over an 11 kilometer distance. Passengers were having to walk and climb a precarious temporary trail to get past the 11 kilometers and than catch another vehicle to continue on their journey. Obviously, this would prove very difficult for a family with two small children and their baggage. We are all praying that the road would be open in time for them to return to Pilcopata on Saturday.

Another prayer need for Alex and Flora is their monthly support. Since many of the country churches in our area cannot pay even their pastors, financial assistance to national missionaries is very limited. God has helped the Herrera family develop a cake-baking business to supplement their income. Unfortunately, both the cake-baking business and their monthly support are faltering in recent months, but we all know God has a plan.



Alex and Flora Herrera, Melody and Caleb.



This is one of several landslides along an 11 kilometer stretch on the way to Pilcopata where Alex and Flora work.

ARÍN HOUSE UPDATE:

Many have been praying for the sale of our house in Arín. We'd like to challenge you to pray a little more specifically about the house. This special PRAYER CHALLENGE is for the CASA SEGURA CHILDREN'S HOME ministry to be able to purchase our house. Andrés and Jessica Melgar have five children of their own, as well as 4 children assigned to them by the Peruvian government. These children have been abandoned by their parents. The Melgar family come from Bolivia and they work with a ministry based out of Australia called CASA SEGURA. They now have government approval to set up a home for abandoned and orphaned children. The place they are renting in Yucay, near Urubamba, is inadequate and they are very interested in buying our house for their children's home. We

all agree that our house in Arin would provide a perfect place for this growing ministry, however, Casa Segura is lacking the funds to make a purchase possible. We would gladly donate the house for this purpose, but in view of some urgent personal and ministry needs, donating the house is not an option at this time. Would you join us, Casa Segura, and the Melgar family as we pray for God to provide the purchase price by the end of May? As always, we trust the Lord's sovereignty as He continues to lead us forward.



CASA SEGURA TEAM: Left to right, Rudy from Bolivia, Michael from Australia, founder of Casa Segura Ministries, Jessica, Matías and Andrés Melgar from Bolivia, currently starting a Casa Segura children's home in Yucay.

KITENI CHURCH NEWS:

March marks the beginning of the new school year in the southern hemisphere. That makes this a busy time of year as we endeavor to be a blessing and share the gospel in various ways:

- **KITENI FAMILY NIGHT:** We are having a Family Night evangelistic outreach in the town sports arena on March 19. We pray the games, prizes and food would attract families to this fun activity where they will hear the gospel message and receive some gospel tracts and New Testaments. Maybe this will also help explain our presence in town to many who suspect we are involved in the drug trade.
- **CHISPAS CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLUB** will have its kick-off at the Family Night and begin officially on March 22nd.
- **TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR PASTORS AND LAY LEADERS:** Also on March 22nd, during the evening service, Tim will begin his next training workshop for the 16 works and churches in this area. He will be using class notes and a Power Point presentation to teach the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. He will be teaching about 8 hours a day for 6 days, ending with lunch on March 28th. We look forward to working with Jack Vilca, a 26-year-old graduate of the Trujillo Bible School, as well as Pastor Rolando Árias. They will cover the evening services and gospel outreach.
- **KITENI CHURCH CONSTRUCTION:** Initial work for the Kiteni Church construction should start as soon as the heavy rains ease off, prayerfully in early April. We already have a faithful supporting church in Fairbanks, Alaska scheduled to come help us with this construction project in early October, and another church, also from Alaska, hoping to come down.
- **EVANGELISTIC MEDICAL CAMPAIGN:** Much prayer and preparation is going into the evangelistic medical campaign we will be hosting in Kiteni in June.



Many small children come into our services without their parents

URUBAMBA BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE:

Bible School classes begin in Urubamba in March. We pray for the spiritual and financial needs of our students as they prepare for ministry. We praise the Lord that the construction for the new girls dorm is coming along well. Please pray for the Lord's provision of the funds to be able to finish the second floor.



The new girls dorm at the Bible School in Urubamba

FAMILY UPDATE:

Our family reunion in Lima for Christmas was a wonderful time the Lord gave us to be with our children. It was the first time we had our 7 children together under one roof in over 7 years. Tim's 87 year-old father was able to join us and Barbara's sister and brother-in-law, Bob and Becky Bass now serve in Lima close to where we were staying. Another special blessing was that Barbara's mother was

down from the USA, staying with the Basses, so we enjoyed being with her as well.

Our daughter Sonia is slated to graduated from Bob Jones University in May. We pray for God's leading regarding a job and church home for her. We are so thankful that the Lord has provided for us to be able to fly up to South Carolina for her graduation.

We also join you in petitioning our heavenly Father for His continued grace and mercy on the USA and the world. Might God-honoring churches continue to rightly divide the Word of Truth and be salt and light in their communities.

Onward and Upward,

Tim & Barbara Whatley

PRAISE AND PRAYER:

- We praise the Lord that our daughter-in-law, Yuli continues to improve after her surgery.
- We are thankful for the provision of a set of used hearing aids that someone sent down. They are really helping two faithful elderly men in the Kiteni church. 78-year-old Juan began crying when he realized he could hear. Several of our pastors and church members, not just in Kiteni, but throughout southern Peru, suffer from loss of hearing. If you have any hearing aids that you or a loved one no longer use, please consider donating them for the ministry in Peru. If you ship them to our USA address listed below, we will be able to pick them up and bring them down when we go up to Sonia's graduation in May. Pastors, perhaps you could announce this need in your churches and folks could drop the hearing aids off at the church. That way several sets could be mailed at once! Just an idea.

Contact Information Update:

Barbara is now using Tim's old cell phone number in Peru. When calling from the US you need to dial 011-51-969-003-668. Tim's new cell number 011-51-984-513-187. Any cards or letters should be sent to our Field Address provided below

Praise the Lord we do have Internet in Kiteni now, so please feel free to write to us at either of the email addresses also provided below. We'd love to hear from you!

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