



Groups, Souls, Blessings, & Bibles!

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Hello from summertime in Peru! Yes, as you are all heading into winter, most of Peru is entering their summer. It affects temperatures on the coast quite a bit, but the major difference for us in the mountains is it is our rainy season. The rain varies but was so heavy recently that we had mud flow from above our town and fill the streets. Several homes, including those of some of our church members, and the police station were flooded. Praise the Lord, our church building was not directly affected. The rain comes, but the work doesn't slow down.

In September, Carla and I hosted a group from Columbia, S. America. Missionary Peter Putney brought seven of his Bible Institute students for a missions trip. I was very humbled and surprised to find out that while they were planning the trip to visit us, one person in the group realized that we were the missionaries that sent Bibles to him while he was in Lima eight years ago. He took them back to his church in Columbia. He and the others in the group were so appreciative of our ministry helping to get God's pure Word to the people in their area. What a humbling blessing.

While out witnessing with the group, our Peruvian pastor began to speak to two ladies. One was a younger lady with a child. As the pastor spoke, the younger said that she knew me. She remembered Carla and I bringing a group of Americans to her school and speaking about Jesus. That was five years ago when our son-in-law and daughter brought a group from their church in Alabama to visit. Another one of the team from Colombia was told by someone they gave a Romans booklet that they knew our church, my name, and the name of two other missionaries that we had worked with throughout the years but have since left Peru. Praise the Lord for the gospel testimony in this area.

In all, the group helped us hand out around 2500 Roman's booklets. Bro. Putney and two of his students preached for us that week. The highlight of the trip was when **3 people were saved!** Bro. Putney was able to tell them about our Jesus while we were out evangelizing. What a great week!

In mid-October, we celebrated the **5th Anniversary** of our coastal church in Guadalupe. We had a great attendance as I had the privilege to preach for the service. We also **baptized three** on Saturday! This included a woman, her daughter, and another young lady.

Just before the anniversary service we shipped 80 cases of Romans booklets by truck and river barge to the jungle capital of Iquitos, Peru. There they were received by a national pastor who helps us distribute them in that area.

We've just heard from Victory Baptist Press that the next shipment of around **24,000 Bibles** is now printed and ready to be shipped to Peru tentatively on November 5th. It will be a blessing to once again be able to supply Bibles to pastors and missionaries for their works all over S. America. We are planning a couple of trips to deliver them to countries outside of Peru. We will also be receiving around **8500 John/Romans** booklets personalized with our church information for evangelization. Please pray for the shipment. We are aware of the trucking and shipping problems in the US and are praying that we will receive these with minimum delays.

Carla and the ladies in our Cajamarca church are gearing up for Christmas. They are planning on providing gifts for the kids here, in another small town nearby, and for our Guadalupe church. They had a very successful bake sale last Saturday on the town square. Several of us passed out Romans booklets while they sold their goods and PTL **we saw 2 more souls saved!** God continues to bless! * Many of you ask if you can help with anything from time to time. If you would like to help with a donation for the kids' gifts, it will be much appreciated and put to good use. It can be sent to CMC with a note that it is for "**kids' gifts**".

We enjoyed being a part of one of our supporting church's missions conference recently. We connected online by the Zoom app. What a blessing to see and speak to those who pray for and support us.

There are new photos on our website, www.rich2peru.com. Please take a look! May God bless each of you.

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