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One of my favorite song writers, Stuart Townend (*In Christ Alone, Beautiful Savior, The Power of the Cross*), wrote this in one of his latest songs,

*There is a hope that burns within my heart; That gives me strength for every passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part, Yet drives all doubt away: I stand in Christ, with
sins forgiven; And Christ in me, the hope of heaven! My highest calling and my deepest joy, To
make His will my home.*

– From *There is a Hope*

The last stanza adds, "There is a hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave." There are so many different kinds of people that receive this newsletter. Some of you are pastors and ministry professionals. Some are family; some friends; and some I've only met once. Some of you live out your lives daily with a personal relationship with the Creator of the world, and some of you aren't sure who the Creator is. Regardless of where you fit in, you're receiving this letter because you care about where we are and what we're doing. And likewise, we care about where you are and what you're doing. As the words of this song have spoken encouragement and counsel into our lives, we want them to do the same for you. Because regardless of where you are and what you're doing, we all share in this great need for the same hope. We love to keep you all in prayer because it reminds us of our blessing for being here, for being part of your lives, and for you being a part of ours.

Update From Language School

Things have been quite busy since we arrived here in January. After our second week here, we started language school and that has been a big change for us. For the most part, it is exactly as anyone would expect. We have 4-5 hours a day of class (half in group grammar learning and the other half in one-on-one practice) with about 1-2 hours of homework. Our classes are enjoyable and our teachers are patient and a pleasure to be with. Most, if not all, of the teachers go to the same church which is pastored by the director of the language school. We like everything about it- except the frustration of learning a new language!

Currently, we're in Lima for four days working on our paperwork to become legal residents of Peru. This is a complicated process, but MTW has some of the best people to help us with this. I have been amazed at how helpful they are with such a crazy process. This is probably one of five trips we'll have to make.

Other updates: We have visited the Clinica Arequipa where Meghan will give birth to our second child. All is well there. Furthermore, we've made some great friends here and we're pretty much settled in! We love our apartment, our nanny who helps take care of Rachel while we're at school, and our Spanish classes. If you'd like more details, you'll have to visit our website journal to hear long stories of more joys, sorrows, and of course, cultural faux pas. www.soarchrist.com/blog/

PRAYER REQUESTS

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

James 5:16

- ☞ PRAY: We have 100% committed support, but only about 70% of our monthly committed support is actually coming in.
- ☞ PRAISE: Our documents for Residency Visas have started without problems
- ☞ PRAY: Keep our residency stuff in prayer: we don't start Rachel's paperwork until after we have ours and we have until April 15 to start it.
- ☞ PRAISE: The visit to Clinica Arequipa was a sigh of relief as we met the *Doctura* who will deliver our second child.
- ☞ PRAY: Please pray that Meghan continues to be healthy in her pregnancy.
- ☞ PRAISE: We are greatly benefiting from language school.
- ☞ PRAISE: We found a nanny for Rachel. Her name is Concho and she came recommended by two other missionary families. Concho is perfect: she and Rachel get along great and she cooks for us a few nights a week too!
- ☞ PRAY: Please keep us in prayer for spiritual exhortation. I (Scott) can't believe that I'd ever say that I miss my pastors' exhortations. We go to church, but understand little still.
- ☞ PRAY: In response to the above, we are hoping to start a house church. We haven't really recruited anyone quite yet, but please pray that this gets off its feet and that we, as missionaries at language school, are able to encourage each other.

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