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FW: Whatley Christmas Update

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Furlough Update:

There is a challenging old proverb that says, "You are the only Bible some people will ever read." That statement proved valid the other day in Walmart when the lady behind us in line started "reading" 17-year-old Caleb while he was putting the items from the cart onto the conveyor. "That's nice of you to help your mom with the shopping. My daughter won't even come with me to Walmart," commented the lady to Caleb. Noticing that Caleb was at a loss for words, I told her, "Well, that's too bad. Your daughter doesn't know what she's missing." "That's true," replied the lady. "I have cancer and don't know how much longer I'm gonna be around."

At that moment I started digging through my purse for a good gospel tract. The cashier said to me, "I know what you're looking for. Then she turned to Caleb and said, "You can always tell a Christian. That's why you have to let your light shine. Meanwhile, I had the opportunity to introduce myself to Lorraine, tell her how much I admired her spunk, ask if I could pray for her, and even give her a tract. Lorraine seemed happy about all of it except the tract, but she did accept

it. I would have loved to speak more with the young cashier, but she had many customers to wait on. What an exciting opportunity! We are praying now for Lorraine's health and salvation.



Time with family:

We are also enjoying many occasions to spend time with family and friends. Next week we fly to California to visit Tim's father, Bob Whatley, and other family members. There have been many changes for the senior Whatleys in recent months. Tim's mother, Betty, graduated into the presence of the Lord on October 21st and in early November his father underwent a quadruple bypass. We pray for his recovery and for his desire to return to Peru.



Bible School in Urubamba:

God is also giving us a productive furlough ministry as we share the needs in Peru and encourage believers to faithfully follow the Lord by serving both here in the USA and abroad. In the meantime, God is blessing in Peru. The Bible School classes are going well as Rachel, Lydia, and the Rojas family minister there with committed and capable Peruvian fellow-servants. The second level concrete floor of the new dorm (pictured above) was poured so construction is proceeding as well. Please pray for our co-workers, Ken and Sharon

Loveall. Due to the medical condition of their youngest son, they have had to leave Peru. Both the Bible School and the Loveall family would value your prayers during this crucial time of transition.



Property in Kiteni:

Pastor Rolando and his family are busy in Kiteni. Pastor Rolando is a full-time elementary school teacher in the jungle as well as the missionary pastor of our church plant. He was approached last week by neighbors who say they are ready to sell us the property we have been targeting for over a year. Due to the generosity of many of you, we already have the money on hand to make that purchase! We are praying that the owners would confirm the property sale during the next month and that fellow Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries would be able to be involved in the payment and legalities. If not, Tim might have to return to Peru briefly. He would have to come back to the USA because we still have several churches in the Midwest and one in New Jersey that we need to report back to. In addition to that, Caleb should graduate from high school in May shortly after Cesar and Briana graduate from college.

It is difficult to believe that the ramshackle place behind us in the photo above is the property we have been praying about. The green wall on the right is Pastor Rolando's house. If we are able to get the target property, we would have to tear down both buildings and consolidate. As well as that, we will have to dig away part of the mountain in the back. Praise the Lord, we have the funds to purchase the property, but we are lacking construction funds. Please pray for God's provision for \$49,000 this very important project.

Might you have a truly consecrated Christmas season and then launch into 2019 with energy and dedication to be that "Walking Bible" people are reading, even when we are unaware.

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