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SEBIC Fourth Year Students

In the upcoming issues of our Peru Update we will be sharing the testimonies of the five students that will be graduating in December. This has been a challenging school year for all our students and in particular we will miss the godly example, leadership, and the blessing of our 4th year students. Please pray for them and their future plans of serving God.



It has been a blessing getting to know **Miguel**. He has developed a true servant's attitude, as he has spiritual grown at the seminary, displaying hard work, honesty, faithfulness, and a love for the Lord that only comes from a believer. I will always remember him as a God-honoring, conscientious, bicycle-fixing, young man. Pastor Patrick. I am **Jesús Miguel Teniente Afán**; a 25 years old young man. Today I want to thank God for this opportunity that I have to be able to share how He changed my life. I was born into an unbelieving family where idolatry, family abuse, witchcraft and other things were practiced a lot

since I was twelve years old. The source of economic income for my studies and my younger brother's was me. This is how I learned from a very young age to fight for life and earn a little money through my own efforts. I clearly remember, that same year my father kicked my sister out of our home for gossip reasons. A whole year passed and no one knew anything about her, until we were able to locate her and know that she was okay. I am really thankful to God, because only He is the one who could take care of her from the bad ways and even more take her to His Word. I remember that she was the very first one who told me about the Word of God and gave me hope that one day all this suffering would end. As the years went by, my doubts increased. I wanted to know if what my sister was telling me about God was true or not; so, I told God this: "God, if you really exist, change my family, change my father's character. And as for me, help me in my studies so that from now on I will be the best student in the school. I said if that happens, I will serve you with all my life". As days went by, God has been working in my family. He worked in my father's character and in my studies. I actually began to improve in my grades being the first place in my classroom during those last three consecutive years. On December 15, 2012, just a few days before the end of high school, the Lord's correction came into my life as I had fallen back into idolatry, pride in being the best student in school and wanting to seek the riches of this world through some profession or higher studies. The result was two major car accidents. In the first one, I fractured my right tibia, fibula and femur and even more the death of my dear stepbrother. **Continued on page 2**

Miguel continued: The second accident I got in August 2013 for wanting to seek the riches of this world. Where I had as a result a fracture of one of my spinal bones plus a broken rib. Seeing all these events in my life I was afraid and I remembered my promise I made to God and I knew that He was behind all this because I was not fulfilling my promise as it says in Ecclesiastes 5:2-5. In spite of all my disobedience God has never left me helpless because He provided me with the right people who were very helpful in my life. One of them is a brother from Roca Fuerte church in Alto Qosqo, Cusco who took me for the first time to Pastor Alcides Peña's Roca Fuerte Baptist Church. There I learned from the Word of God and grew up in my faith. But, my flesh was very weak once again because it turned me away from his Word for the love of money. So, I walked in the world involved in drugs, gangs, alcoholism, fornication and many other things that the world practices. But even so He never left me alone enjoying the carnal world, but put emptiness in my heart which nothing could fill and this led me to despair and even more to fall into depression. There, I saw God's mercy as He through his dear hands brought me back into God's presence. But this time I surrendered to his feet and obeyed his Word and fulfilled my promise.

Then, I sought to learn more about God through this seminary (SEBIC) where I had great teachers and one of them is Professor Patrick Campbell and his wife whose teachings are kept in my heart and ready to be shared with others. In 2019, when I was in my third year I understood completely that I was not yet saved and on September 20th of that same year I gave my life completely because the first time was only an emotion. My step of obedience regarding the baptism was on March 3, 2020 days before I returned to SEBIC. During all these years God has been putting in my heart the complete service in His work and I give thanks for it since that is my desire and the reason why I am studying at this place. A very small detail that I have seen in this time is that He calls me to preach to the Quechua speaking people. That makes me very happy since it is my mother tongue. I conclude by asking your prayers first for my spiritual life, my future family and the ministry that God has prepared for me. **MANY THANKS AND BLESSINGS**



Thank you for the continued support of the Student Work Study Scholarship Fund. Since the quarantine, that started in March, the students have been unable to leave the campus but have continued their studies through the Internet. The healthy scholarship fund enables the students to continue working on campus. The photo above shows the students refinishing desks and chairs.



Photo of Pat with his online class via What's App. Thankful for being able to continue to teach.



Peru Quarantine Update: The quarantine ended on June 30th and the people are able to be about and the students are able to leave campus. **Please pray** for them. Please pray for the missionaries that were serving food items and sharing God's Word, both verbally and inside each pack during the quarantine that it will continue to be fruitful.



Shakira has been a tremendous asset to SEBIC. She has a heart for serving others and is always willing to volunteer her time and energy. She is a meticulous student who has honored God through her actions and deeds. We will miss her greatly but we know that God will use her mightily in the years ahead. Pastor Patrick.

I am **Shakira Candia**. I am 23 years old. It is a privilege to address you my beloved brothers in Christ, and tell you what God did in my life. What He is doing now and I am sure that He will continue doing great things in my life.

By the mercy and grace of God, I was born in a Christian home, I grew up in an environment full of God's love. My parents gave me the most precious gift of my life, "the gospel of salvation". At the age of 13, I received Christ in my heart as Lord and personal Savior. At the age of 15 I was baptized, and the church gave me the opportunity of teaching children in Sunday school. Once I finished my schooling, I studied a short and practical career "cosmetology".

At one of the mission conferences in my church, the Lord put a great burden and desire on me for the many lost souls. The Bible verse that motivated me even more that day was "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few (Matthew 9:37). Plus, I was very eager to find a Bible seminary to further train me in the Word of God and equip me for ministry. I prayed a lot for the Lord to guide my steps. A Sunday morning, the Pastor told me about this Independent Baptist Seminary in Cusco. I witnessed how the Lord opened doors for me to come here. I felt and I feel very grateful to God for having put this desire in me, and at the same time I am happy to have given my life for the service of our Lord Jesus Christ in missions.

It is incredible that three blessed years have passed and this is my last year in this welcoming Seminary. Every year, month, day, hour, minute has been a great blessing, and I was able to really enjoy the teachings given in this place, for which I am infinitely grateful to God for this institution. My desire, once I finish my theological study, is to serve the Lord of the Harvest with my life, as long as He allows me to live or until His coming. I see that the Lord is opening doors, a specific place to be able to serve Him. The name of this place is the Chancamayo Town Center, in the District of Quellouno, province of La Convención, in the department of Cusco. It has a population of approximately 5 thousand people, who speak mostly Quechua and Spanish. This population center lacks an Independent Baptist Church. My goal, with God's help, is to announce the precious gospel of salvation, have meetings and trainings for women, children's and teenage clubs, and make disciples of Christ so that they can continue with the work of Christ.

I beg you, brothers, to help me with your prayers and may God bless you.

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