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Dear friends in Christ,

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Do you know Matt and Kari Bollant? We didn't either. But they came to Peru to adopt three Peruvian girls. We came to know them when they were at the tail end of the adoption process that lasted five years. As usual, the final process drug out to over two and a half months. We did all we could to help them. I cannot even begin to tell you what a joy it was to serve the Lord by helping them. We were so blessed by getting to know this sweet family. They are now at their home in southern Illinois and we miss them. They made a mark on our lives and a place in our heart.

We celebrate our radio anniversary in December. As a part of that celebration, we held a conference in which I preached a series of four messages on evangelizing the lost. These messages were recorded, placed on YouTube and Facebook. Because of government regulations, we had to limit the number of people who could attend the conference. It was an exceptionally good time with a few of our most devoted Lima listeners.

In mid-January, my assistant (Edward Zacarías) and I taught at another five-day conference. We flew from Lima to the city of Tarapoto which is in the jungle. Then we traveled about 2 more hours by van where we loaded into a open-bed pickup that took us about one and half more hours deeper into the jungle. It was hot and humid, and I was concerned about getting malaria or dengue from the mosquitos. The roads and many floors in buildings are dirt. The building where we met was like a pole barn open on two sides. There are wide winding rivers, rice paddy fields, armies of mosquitoes, and suffocating heat. Cooking is with wood. Each day they butchered an animal. We ate everything of that animal, and nothing went to waste. The cooks did a good job preparing the meals under the conditions. We had cow stomach for one meal. They grow rice, papaya, coconut, oranges, apples, and lots of coffee and cacao (for chocolate).

The mosquitos were out in full force. We slept under netting and used repellent. The Lord watched over us and it was a fantastic trip. My best guess is that somewhere between 100-150 people attended. I taught from 9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m., counseled afterwards, and preached one message in the evening. People soaked up the Word like their land drinks up the rain. I loved being there. The people are so humble and kind. I do not mind going where people want to learn. Nothing is interesting if you are not interested. They were interested.

It breaks my heart that we don't have a radio station near there. I will not go into all our progress on the radio ministry in this letter. But I can tell you some exciting things are happening. By God's grace we will move forward.

There is so much more to tell. But that will have to be in another letter. We do have our challenges and they keep us looking to the Lord for help. That is where we should be anyway. It amazes me to see how God resolves them!

For Christ's glory,
Stanley and Ruth Templeton