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The Johnson Jubilee June 3, 2016

Dear Family and Friends,

We continue to live in amazement at how wonderful and important community is. Even from a distance, many of you are blessing us with your prayers, financial support, and words of encouragement. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! We may have been able to move here and set up home, but we could not endure this transition into ministry if we did not feel your embrace.

As you know from Hannah’s recent cartoon story, she had surgery just a few weeks ago. She has recovered very nicely and is trying to convince Steve to go on a whole-day walk up a nearby mountain. Steve gets tired just looking at the cross, perched at the pinnacle. So if you’ve been praying for Hannah’s strength after her hospital visit, please be sure that your prayers have been heard.

Our progress here in developing community is a mix of emotions for us. On the one hand, we praise God for sending us Tim and Holly Anderson and Keith and Ruth Powlison, along with their families, and a few other people from the church whom we feel are becoming friends. We spent the day at a park celebrating one of Tim’s son’s birthdays just last Wednesday. It was a blast! On the other hand, we feel a need to gather to study the Bible and enter worship together, not just hang out and have a good time. Please be praying that God meet our need for community.

Overall, we are doing very well. There are things we miss from the U.S. lifestyle, and there are people we miss very much. But we are happy. We are happy because we know that we are doing something that has eternal value. Please know with certainty that you who stand with us are in this ministry just as much as we are. For your prayers and support, Thank you!
Blessings, Steve 'n' Hannah

P.S. In other news, Steve’s brother, Andrew, is living with them for a while. Andrew is about to turn 20 this year. He is here in Cusco to work and save up a little as he is able to, and we are happy to help him out by giving him a place to lay his head. He and Steve just finished laying down styrofoam insulation in the attic of the new orphanage our Uncle Keith is building.

Financial News: Many of you have given very generously since our “Special Request” email. We are happy to say that we have received over $1,000 of what we need to cover our upcoming trip to the States, conference to join PEF, and visa applications. Thank you all so much for your support! God is also providing for our expenses as we need them. Steve has done two jobs on the new orphanage and that has brought in some money. Also, there is a group of doctors coming to do a medical campaign at the clinic across from where we live, and Steve has been asked to translate for them, which will pay something, though an amount is not promised.

Prayer Requests: As already mentioned, please be praying that God help us get involved in our community in a way that meets our need to worship with the body of Christ. Please also pray that God give us wisdom as we prepare for our time in the States. We will have a matter of weeks to see a lot of people we miss and to get a lot of important things done.