



Praises:

- The girls' carnets (id cards) are ready! We are traveling to Lima May 30-31 to pick them up.
- We thank the Lord for giving us the responsibility and opportunity to counsel several members of our Bible study as they seek the Lord's strength, guidance and wisdom. Praise the Lord for the help of the Holy Spirit and for the truth of His Word.

Prayers:

- We need the Lord's words and wisdom as we pastor those God has entrusted to us. Some are saved and are battling the sins and temptations of daily life, while others are clearly hearing God's call to salvation. Please pray for them. Our goal is to make disciples. For some, that involves introducing them to Christ; for others it involves the lifelong process of sanctification.
- Seth will be in Lima June 1-3 to participate in a missionary vision retreat.

Dear Partner,

Our church, IBC El Camino, has made discipleship the theme and priority of the church this year. Part of this process has been fasting. We have had 1 church-wide day of fasting and prayer, with at least 2 more yet to come. As I write this newsletter, I am also contemplating the devotion I will give during the morning prayer meeting for this Tuesday's fast. As a church we have spoken much of what it means to fast and why we do it, and this has naturally turned my mind to the idea of missions and fasting.

Michael Oh, missionary to Japan and founder and president of Christ Bible Seminary in Nagoya, Japan, preached a message in 2009 entitled [Missions as Fasting](#). I would like to use a few points from his sermon as an encouragement and a challenge to us individually, as Christians, and corporately, as churches, in the proclamation and practice of our hope in Christ.

He says that food is a blessing from God. But sometimes there is enough **LONGING** and **URGENCY** and **OPPORTUNITY** that forsaking even the blessings of God is called for.

"Fasting is a longing for God to be known, loved, adored, and worshipped. It's a longing that inspires a forsaking of things present, including food."

"Fasting expresses the urgency of the task that we have now been called to that makes the setting aside of food completely sensible."

"Fasting is a response to the opportunity before us for spreading the Gospel."

He summarizes by saying that missions is a form of fasting that forsakes the things present for the global exaltation of Jesus Christ. How are your missionaries doing that? We are forsaking comfort, recognition, and family.

How are you, those faithful Christians who are supporting us, doing that? You are investing money in missions that could be spent elsewhere. You are investing time in prayer. And you are sending the leaders from your churches- your pastors, your friends, your sons and daughters- to proclaim Christ where he is not known.

Thank you for fasting with us as, together, we forsake the pleasures of this world for the glory of Christ.



Left: Jillian and Lydia praying at the church anniversary picnic.

Right: How we get around.



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