



# February Newsletter

## THE 2026 SEASON HAS BEGUN IN AREQUIPA, PERU!

As we piled our suitcases into the covered trailer in Dallas to head to the airport, we had no idea what exactly to expect when we landed in Peru the next day. As always with missions, we have learned to expect the unexpected. We started out with adventures of missed flights, issues with luggage, and a "bait-and-switch" Airbnb with mold and the ceiling falling in. In spite of all of the misadventures, God has kept his hand on us. He has protected us and has once again fulfilled the prophesy that was spoken over us several years, telling us that God had men prepared to receive us in Bolivia and in Peru.

We were greeted at the airport with a parade of Peruvians from the central church, singing to us, greeting us and showering us with gifts. When the Airbnb plan fell through, they quickly found us a hotel and let us store our luggage at the church until we were able to find a permanent place to stay. Then the assistant pastor spent several days hauling us around the city, searching for a permanent place to stay. Within a week we found our home for the next year, completely furnished and well within our budget. On our first Sunday, the central church of Arequipa gave us a beautiful church welcome as well. They welcomed us with a parade ceremony representing all the areas of the South district. There were banners and gifts again and they had us carry in the flag of Peru as they cheered us on.

We took our first trip 3 hours away to the coast with the

church family. We enjoyed some time on the beach with everyone and campfire coritos (worship songs) in the evening. It was a great bonding experience and really good for our children.

We arrived back in Arequipa, sunburned and tired, but in good spirits. Shortly after we returned, we lost water in our home because the flooding in the area damaged the water system. We were without water for 4 days, but again, God has provided. The city came by once with water that we hauled to our apartment, and some of the church members with running water in their homes have dropped by with drums of water every day. God shows us each day that He is taking care of us.

We met with the district board for the South district and presented them with some ideas that we could do to help in their district. We were received well and are excited to be partnering with them for this season. Brad preached a message of unity in the welcome service that evening and our family ministered in song.

We are traveling to Trujillo next week for the Peruvian National Conference. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels and continued favor as we work to integrate and partner with this great nation in preparation for the harvest of souls in Peru.



# Photos



## *The South District Board*

At the service following the South district board meeting, we were once again showered with gifts and a resounding welcome. Pastor Rafael, pictured on the very left, is the pastor who has welcomed us into his congregation. He is the treasurer of the district and director of the Bible School. To the very right is his Assistant Pastor, Pastor Henry (yes it's a double r), the secretary for the district. He has been an invaluable resource to our moving and acclimating here. He and his wife have bent over backwards not only to make us feel welcome but also to help us find lodging and providing transportation and guidance for us as we learn the city and get everything set up for a year of living. They also have daughters near Ariana's age, who have been very kind and sweet to our family.



## *Punto Bombon*

We took our overnight first trip with the central church family to the coastal town of Punto Bombon. We were able to spend time getting to know the church family, meeting the local pastor of Punto Bombon and singing by the campfire. Our children were able to integrate with the church family while building sand castles, playing in the water and joining in on a few beach volleyball games. Easton even scored a point for his team!



## *Arequipa Floods*

The first picture is the aftermath of the Arequipa floods and the second was taken when Brad and Lorinda were stuck in a taxi during some of the flooding. Many roads are still blocked off, making the city a little hard to navigate at the moment. Please pray for the people of Arequipa, as many are trying to recover from these devastating floods.

# Thank you!

Your continued support allows us to stay on the field and support the local works here in Peru. We have found that we will be needing to travel quite a bit this season. We also have immigration costs coming soon. We appreciate every covering in prayer and financial support that is given.

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