

MATSUDA FAMILY

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST MISSIONARIES TO AREQUIPA, PERU

“Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.”
Philippians 4:17



April - June 2021

PRAYER REQUESTS

- New Bible study in Yanque
- Family of Bro. Vicente Rivera
- The people attending our church – salvation and growth
- Payments for our new car
- Political situation and covid restrictions

Bro. Vicente Rivera



Dear Brethren,

We greet you in the great name of our Lord Jesus Christ! At this time, I want to let you know what has been happening in the work in Arequipa during the past 3 months.

The Work in Arequipa

The past few months have been very busy for us, despite all the restrictions that we still have in this country. Several things have changed and we are constantly having to accommodate to the new rules and schedules. Now we are meeting in our church building every Wednesday evening and Saturday morning. We still are not allowed to use our private vehicles on Sundays, so we are meeting online on Sundays. Every Friday evening, we were also having Bible studies in Bro. Vicente's house. Our Lord called Bro. Vicente Rivera home to be with Him on Tuesday, July 6. Humanly speaking, it has been very hard for us because we had grown so close to him. This brother was one of the very first people who started coming to our church when we moved to this area almost 4 years ago. Ever since he made a profession of faith, he was extremely faithful and constant. He offered his home to be used as a Sunday School room, and when we had to move the church building in January, he offered his home to have Bible studies there every week. We will miss him so much, but we are comforted knowing that He is now in the presence of His Savior. Please pray for the family of this dear brother. Once, his daughter came to church during special services we were having, but she never came back and never made a profession of faith. We know that his children and grandchildren need to trust in the Lord and we are praying for their salvation, as well as the opportunity to witness to them.



Travels

During this time, we had the opportunity to visit my father-in-law and mother-in-law when they returned to Peru. They are missionaries, working in the town of Jauja, Peru, but had gone to the USA during the quarantine. My family and I travelled to Jauja to spend some time with them and also so



they could meet our youngest son, who was born after they left to the USA. During our stay with them, I had the privilege of preaching in Bible Way Baptist Church in Jauja, where my father-in-law is pastoring, and also in the Independent Baptist Church in Huancayo, where Bro. Marcos Lindsey is pastoring. We had a great time of fellowship with the brethren in both churches. During this trip, I also had the opportunity to visit Pastor Isaac Oré (we mentioned him in a previous prayer letter – his oldest son died in an accident right before New Year while he was going to his father's mission work to preach) in Tingo Maria and Pastor Vladimir Espinoza in the city of Huanuco. It was a blessing having fellowship with all of the pastors and brethren.

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month, two Baptist pastors in Arequipa passed away. We want to thank the brethren from Nampa Sovereign Grace Baptist Church for the offerings they have been sending to help the brethren in Peru. With this money, we are helping a few pastors and missionaries who are in need. We are also trying to help the families of the pastors who have passed away from the virus.

Political Situation in Peru

Peru is facing tremendous political uncertainty right now. The presidential elections took place here a month ago, but they still have not announced who the new president is. There have been several riots and uprisings, claiming that there has been fraud. The economy has already been decimated, and this is simply causing more havoc. The dollar exchange has shot up, which has caused the prices in everything to rise, sometimes causing things to double in price. The man who will probably be named the winner, is an open supporter of socialism and communism, and also has close ties with avowed terrorists. We are waiting and praying that the Lord's will be done here and we ask you to keep this matter in prayer as well.

Our Family

Praise the Lord, our family is doing well. Our children keep growing and we recently had several birthdays. Andy is 12, Katie just turned 10, Kristie is 7, Tommy just turned 4, Allie just turned 2, and Arthur is 9 months old. We praise the Lord for them and the blessing they are to us and the ministry here. Andy always accompanies me during my travels and is now playing the keyboard in our church. Please pray that God will give us the wisdom and grace necessary so that we can raise them to love and serve our Lord all of their lives.

New Vehicle

In the month of May, we were able to buy a new vehicle, which we will be making monthly payments on. We praise the Lord for our H1 Hyundai, which is a 12-passenger minivan. It has already been such a blessing for our family and the work here! Please help us pray, so that we can pay it off in a timely manner, and if the Lord touches your heart to help in this aspect, please let us know. We owe \$24,000 dollars on it.

Thank you!

We are so thankful to all the churches, brethren, and friends who support us financially and prayerfully. Your support and offerings are such an encouragement and blessing to us!

We want to especially thank Bible Way Baptist Church in Jauja for their love and generous offering, as well as the brethren in Independent Baptist Church in Huancayo for their love offering.

If you have any prayer requests, please let us know! We love hearing from you and knowing how the Lord is working in your lives and churches! May God bless each of you tremendously!

New Bible Study in town of Yanque

By God's grace, we are now preaching God's Word in a new town. We are starting to have Bible studies in the town of Yanque, which is about 4 hours away from Arequipa. This town is 3,420 meters above sea level. Brother Hermogenes and his family are from this town. A few months ago, we baptized Bro. Hermogenes in this town so that we could witness to his relatives. When we baptized him there, we were asked to go back and keep preaching to them, so now we are going out there once a month. Last month, there were 10 visitors who heard the gospel, and we praise the Lord for that! Please pray for these people so that God would work in their hearts and for His will to be done in this place.



Covid-19 in Peru

Just a few days after going to Yanque, the government placed our city on full lockdown. No one was allowed in or out of Arequipa. All flights, buses, and private vehicles were prohibited. This lockdown was just lifted last week. The numbers of people dying from covid continues to rise here. Just in the past

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