

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



December 2021

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Spiritual growth of those wanting to be baptized
- New people who are attending
- Finding a new building to rent for church
- Bible study in Yanque
- Provision to pay off car
- Provision to buy our own church building
- Our family

Dear Brethren,

We greet you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is our hope and prayer that our Lord greatly blesses you and uses you for His glory in this new year!

Work in Arequipa

This has been a very busy month, but we thank the Lord for all that has happened. We had our first and only Bible conference this year in the month of December. With covid and all the restrictions we have had, there have been several months this year where we were not even allowed to meet in person at church. From the 2nd to the 5th of December, we had our first conference of the year and preached the gospel. We also had a visitor contest with Bibles and other study materials as prizes. One young lady named Adriana brought her entire family during the conference. She has made a profession of faith in the past, but has a very hard family situation. Her dad is in jail and she does not live with her mother, but instead lives with her grandmother. During the conference, she brought her mother, her two sisters and brother, and her grandmother. She received a Bible for having brought her visitors. Other visitors came, such as a couple named Luis and Rocío. This couple has continued attending our services throughout the month of December and are now bringing their 3 children as well. During this conference, one of our young people, Gonzalo, brought his dad, and another young man, William, brought his mom for the very first time. Gonzalo came forward during an invitation asking to be baptized. We are very happy to see what God is doing in our midst and ask you to be praying that God will continue working here!



On the last Wednesday of the year, we had a special time of sharing testimonies, where the men had the opportunity to thank the Lord publicly for His blessings throughout the year. For many, this year has been very challenging with sickness, financial problems, and even death, but we are so thankful for how good God has been to each of us – His provision, care, and guidance. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store and for the privilege of another year to serve Him. There are a few people who have manifested their desire to be baptized and we are looking forward to that. We



are also hoping to start up very soon with the youth meeting and ladies meeting on Saturday mornings.

Upcoming Move

On December 22, we were informed that we have until the end of January to move out of the building that we are renting for our church. They are wanting to do renovations on the building and then have other plans for how it will be used. So now, we are praying and looking for another building that we can rent to continue having church services. We are also praying that the Lord would open the doors so that we can have our own church building in His time. Whenever we rent a building, these types of things always happen and we are forced to move, which can at times, be like starting over again,

especially if the new place we are renting is in a different area of town. Please keep this matter in your prayers, that the Lord would show us what He wants and that His will be done.

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before we know we have a need! A dear family sent our family a special love offering of \$900 dollars, and we knew that meant that something was probably going to happen! Sure enough, our refrigerator died in December, and with 8 people in the family, a refrigerator is definitely a necessity. God, however, had already provided the money to buy a new one. Our God is always good! Please keep our family in your prayers – for our children to keep growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, and for us so our Lord would give us wisdom to raise them in a way that would bring Him glory.

Vehicle

We wanted to give an update on where we are at with our car payments. We still owe \$20,000. Once again, thank you so much to those who have sent offerings towards this endeavor. We appreciate it so much and are so thankful for the incredible blessing the car has already been to our family and the ministry here.

Thank You

We want to say thank you to those who sent special offerings during the month of December: the Fyffes who sent \$900 dollars, Newby Baptist Church who sent \$500 dollars, the Fairbanks who sent \$200 dollars, and the ladies from Brentwood Baptist Church who sent \$200 dollars to my wife. We are so grateful to the churches and brethren who faithfully support us and pray for us! May God richly bless each of you! We are praying for you.

Covid

On December 10, new restrictions were put into place throughout all of Peru. Vaccination passports are now required to go anywhere, and the government is even wanting to enforce this in churches. This has made things difficult for those who have not been vaccinated, but God always provides a way. Restrictions are always changing and we don't know what to expect in this new year. All we can do is take things one day at a time. We want to thank the brethren of Nampa Sovereign Grace Baptist Church for the support they are sending to help the brethren in Peru. With this money, we are continuing to help some pastors and missionaries who are in need.

Our Family

We thank the Lord for continuing to work in our family. On December 1, our oldest son Andy became a teenager and turned 13 and on December 3, our third child, Kristie, turned 8. In the middle of the month, our children also finished up their school year. We also praise our Lord for providing our needs, even



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