

MATSUDA FAMILY

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST MISSIONARIES TO AREQUIPA, PERU

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

Philippians 4:17



October and November 2021

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Spiritual growth for couple who are getting married and baptized
- Upcoming evangelistic revival in December
- Salvation and growth for those attending our church
- Bible study in Yanque
- Provision to pay off car
- Land and church building

Dear Brethren,

As always, it is a joy to greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior. It is our prayer and hope that God is blessing your homes and churches and using you for His glory!

The Work in Arequipa

Praise the Lord, we have finally been able to start meeting in our church building on Sundays! Because of government restrictions, we were not able to meet on Sundays, and were only meeting in person on Wednesday evenings and on Saturday mornings for ladies meeting and our adolescent program. On Sundays, we were only able to have services over Zoom; but as we all know, it is not the same as gathering together with the saints! We thank the Lord for the privilege of being able to meet again on the Lord's Day!

A couple has been coming to our church for almost 3 years and they have both made professions of faith. As with many families in Peru, they are not legally married and so we have not been able to baptize them. We are overjoyed that they are taking the necessary steps to be legally married. They have shared with us that they want to do things right and they want to obey the Lord in baptism. Lord willing, this will take place over the next couple of months. This is a huge victory in their lives and in the work here!

We are having between 20 and 30 people in our regular services, and we are happy that a few new visitors are coming. We are praying that God will continue to work in the people and in this church as He sees fit.

We are also praying that if it is the Lord's will, that He would open the doors to buy land and build a building on it for the church. For now, we are paying rent, but there are always issues when the building belongs to someone else and there is always the possibility that we will have to move out. Please keep this matter in your prayers.

We also ask that you continue to pray for our Bible study in Yanque, the town that is 3 hours away. There is a great need for God's Word to be preached in that town, and several other towns. Like in all of Peru, Catholicism and paganism are deeply rooted in the hearts of the people. It is our prayer that more people can hear the gospel and come to truly know our Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Evangelistic Revival

Each year, we try to have a conference or outreach program every 3 months. This year has obviously been very different because of covid and all the restrictions placed on us. Lord willing, before the year ends, we will have an evangelistic revival. We are planning on having it in the month of December. Please pray that people will come, that God will work in their hearts, and that souls will be saved. We are hoping to see a desire in those coming to invite their friends and family to this revival so that their loved ones can hear the gospel.

Covid in Peru

In Peru, requirements and restrictions are constantly changing and it can be very frustrating. The president announced that as of December 15th, a vaccine card will be necessary to go to any public area (banks, stores, malls, etc.) Now, the date has been changed to December 10th. It has not been specified whether a vaccine card will be required to go to church, but we are praying that we will not have problems.

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 continue helping some pastors and missionaries who are in need.

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Our Family

Praise the Lord, our family is doing well. Our oldest son Andy will be turning 13 on December 1 and our third child, Kristie, will be turning 8 on December 3. It is amazing how fast our children are growing! They are such a blessing to us and in the ministry. We are continuing to homeschool them and will be starting the new school year soon. We ask that you please pray that the Lord would grant us wisdom as we train them up to live for Him.

Travel Visa

Last year, I was invited by The Bible Baptist Church in Florida and Lake Pond Baptist Church in Connecticut to preach in their churches and so I requested an interview at the American embassy for a travel visa. I was hoping to also visit other churches looking for support. With 6 children and the constant needs in the ministry, we were praying that the Lord would open the doors to raise our support. For now, to help cover bills, I am teaching Spanish online to missionaries and others who want to use Spanish in the ministry. I finally had the interview for the visa last week, after waiting almost an entire year, but it was rejected. I was not given an explanation as to why it was rejected, but we know that everything is in the Lord's hands, including our travel plans and finances. We are praying that if it is His will for me to travel in the future, that He will open the doors. If He does, we will praise Him for it, but if not, we will also praise Him. May His will be done.

New Car

We are so incredibly thankful for the car we were able to buy. It has been such a blessing to our family and to the work here. There is hardly ever a service that goes by that we are not transporting several people. We have also had to make different trips, and with 6 children, it has been such a blessing! So far, we have been able to pay off \$4,000 dollars, and we owe \$20,000 on it. Please help us pray that God would provide this money in His time so that it can all be paid off quickly.

Thank You

We are so very thankful to every church and friend who supports us financially and prayerfully! Please continue to do so. We are nearing the end of this year, and it is our greatest desire to keep serving our Lord in the upcoming year. May His name be glorified in all that we do! We are praying for each of you too! May God greatly bless you!

Your Servants in Christ,
Daniel Matsuda and Family
Independent Baptist Missionaries