# The Matsuda Family

## Independent Baptist Missionaries to Arequipa, Peru

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9



Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior! It is our prayer that you are all well, growing in the Lord and being used for His glory!

### The Work in Arequipa

Praise the Lord, we've had a very busy month. We have been continuing on with our regular services, as well as our ladies and teen programs on Saturday mornings. The ladies are learning about the different books of the Bible, as well as going through a series of lessons on "Principles for a Christian Family." The teens are learning practical lessons from the book of Proverbs. We are having a good group of ladies and teens and we are thankful for their desire to learn more. Please keep them in your prayers!

Several people in our church have asked to be baptized. We have been talking to each of them, to make sure they understand what salvation is, as well as what it means to be baptized and become part of our church membership. We are excited about what is happening in our congregation, and Lord willing, will be having a baptism in the next few weeks. Please keep these new believers in your prayers!

#### First Bible Conference of the Year

During the month of March, we also had our first Bible conference of the year. Pastor Nathaniel Hille from The Bible Baptist Church in Plant City, Florida, preached for us. We started on Thursday, March 24, and ended on Sunday, March 27. Each day, we had visitors coming, some of which were first-time visitors. Pastor Hille preached a series of messages from II Peter 3:1-18 on the type of believer that we ought to be. The Bible conference was a great blessing to all of us and we truly had a wonderful time in the Lord!



That Monday, March 28, Pastor Hille and I began travelling to several different cities. I accompanied him to translate for him. God's Word was preached and His name was exalted! We are very thankful for his willingness to come and preach to us. May God continue to bless Bro. Hille, his family, and his church!



#### **Youth Camp**

After having our youth retreat in February, we have decided to have our very first youth camp in the month of August. Plans are being made and coordinated, but praise the Lord everything is coming together. There is a private school that is very close to our church that is offering their entire facilities for the first week of August for S/1,000 soles (\$320 dollars). One of the ladies from our church has a catering business, and she has volunteered her business to be used for the cooking during the week of camp. We are looking into buying sleeping mats and have them brought up from Lima. We are praying that the Lord will provide everything that is lacking, as there will be heavy expenses. We are calculating that there will be between 100 and 120 campers. If anybody feels led of the Lord to help with this endeavor, please contact me so I can better explain what is being done and what is still needed.

#### **Our Family**

In March, we also found out that the Lord is blessing us with another child! Baby Matsuda #7 will be due sometime in November of this year! We would greatly appreciate your prayers for our baby and my wife, so that everything will go smoothly and without any complications.

#### **Contact Information:**

#### **Land Fund**

Glory to God, we now have \$12,640 dollars set aside for the land fund. Our goal is to reach \$16,000 dollars. We praise the Lord for what He has done! Lord willing, we will be able to purchase the land soon.

#### Van

As you know, we were able to take out a loan and purchase a 12-passenger van, which is such a blessing. We are still paying it off. So far, we owe \$19,600 on it. We would appreciate your prayers.

#### Thank You!

Sometimes it seems that as missionaries, all we do is ask for money. There are several things going on here, all which require money. But we want to be very adamant about how thankful we are for your support and offerings. We are so thankful for the love you show to our family and the work here. We know that everything that is carried out and accomplished is done only by His grace and provision. We truly serve an awesome God and it is amazing to see His work being carried out. Thank you and may God continue to greatly bless each of you!

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

Land for Berea Baptist Church - Arequipa		
Money That Has Arrived		Our Goal
Church	Amount	
Brentwood Baptist Church VA	\$ 2,500.00	
Newby Baptist Church KA	\$ 3,040.00	
Heritage Baptist Church OH	\$ 500.00	\$ 16,000.00
Berea Baptist Church Arequipa	\$ 4,600.00	,
Lakes Pond Baptist Church CT	\$ 500.00	
	\$11,140.00	
Money Promised	d	
Church	Amount	
Berea Baptist Church Arequipa	\$ 1,500.00	