

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



February 2023

Dear Brethren,

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is our hope and prayer that you are well and being used for His glory!

The Work in Arequipa

Our regular services have continued on as always during this time. We have a group that faithfully comes, but we are still praying that the Lord will work in their lives – salvation and baptism. We are also praying for spiritual hunger and growth. Praise the Lord, we started back up with our Saturday morning programs for the ladies and for the teens and adolescents. A good group is coming to both programs and we are thankful for that. One lady who has been visiting our church services

for the past couple of weeks has come to the ladies' program bringing her grandmother, mother, and baby. Both this lady and her mother are very attentive and asking many questions about salvation. Please keep this family and these programs in your prayers!



Building Project

Last year, we were trying to raise money to buy land for our church building. Praise the Lord, we were able to buy 254 square meters of land which is not too far away from where we are currently meeting (about a 10-minute car drive). Now that the land has been purchased, we are praying about building on it!

Last year, after purchasing the land, it was calculated that we would need \$65,000 dollars to build the first floor. Over the past few months, however, because of all the protests, road blocks, and the economy in general, I am being told that it will now cost approximately \$80,000 dollars. Prices are skyrocketing, even for groceries and simple necessities. The calculation of \$80,000 dollars covers the foundation for a 3-story building, the walls for the first floor, a couple small rooms in the back, restrooms, electrical, and the roof. This also includes the cost of materials and paying the workers for the labor. This does not include any finishings.

With God's grace and help, we are hoping to start digging for the foundation of our church building in April, once the rainy season ends. The people in our church are starting to give offerings towards the construction and have promised to give \$200 dollars a month. I know it is not much, but we want them to start learning to give. So far, we have \$3,000 dollars saved up for the construction project. We know that humanly speaking, this is way out of our possibilities, but we also know that with the Lord, nothing is impossible. Please help us pray for this matter, and if the Lord lays it on your heart to help with this, we will praise Him for it!

Situation in Peru

It seems like the political tension has calmed down a little for the time being. Since December, there have been protests and rioting going on. Even though they are no longer protesting, there is still a lot of unrest. One of the biggest problems that Peru is facing right now, however, is that of natural disasters. A cyclone hit Peru, which is very uncommon, and it has unleashed torrential rains throughout several parts of the country. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed and several areas have been completely flooded, which has caused terrible landslides. Roads are in horrible conditions. Once again, the government has declared a state of emergency in several parts of the country.

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Our Family

Praise the Lord, our family is doing very well. We are so happy to see our youngest child growing. Everyone at home is thrilled with their new little sister. Our children were about to start the new school year (we homeschool), but that has been put on hold for a few more weeks.



Move

During the month of March, we will be moving to another house within the same city. There are several reasons we are moving, but one reason is for security. A few weeks ago, while we were at church, a suspicious car stopped in front of my house and two men got out and started looking in through our windows. The car then drove off, but a few minutes later, they returned and started looking in through our windows again. One of our neighbors saw what was happening and started making noise so the men would leave. Our neighbor later told us about what happened and I checked our security cameras and saw everything. A few days later, my children were walking out of the house and 2 men on a motorcycle stopped and started trying to talk to my daughter. I was watching from a window and as soon as I stepped outside, the men sped off. A few days later, there was a lot of commotion in our neighborhood and neighbors said that there was a failed kidnapping attempt.

For a while, we had been looking for another house to rent, but had not been able to find anything that would work for our family. We had basically stopped looking, but I was then told about a house for rent, so we went to see it and it seems like a perfect fit. It is in a safer neighborhood in a gated community with gatekeepers or guardians. Right now, we are very busy trying to pack and get ready for the move. We want to ask for prayers for the extra expenses that are coming up for the move. In Peru, you have to pay 2 months' rent up front and we will also have to hire a moving truck and fix some stuff in the new house, before we can move – all of which will cost approximately \$2,700 dollars.

If anyone would like to help with these expenses, we would be very grateful. A check can be sent to the address listed above or money can be sent through PayPal.

Van

As we have announced in previous letters, we were able to purchase our van on credit. We still owe \$17,600 dollars on the car. We would appreciate your prayers for this matter. We hope to get it paid off as soon as possible.

Thank You!

It seems like we are always mentioning matters that require money, and we know it is a necessary part of the ministry, but we want each of you to know how grateful we are for the sacrifices you make and the love you show us. Thank you for investing in the ministry here! We are always amazed by the way in which God provides exactly what we need and in exactly the right time! We serve an amazing God! May God greatly bless you!

Your Servants in Christ,
Daniel Matsuda and Family
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