

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



March and April 2023

Dear Brethren,

We greet you in name of our precious Lord! We are praying for each of you!

The Work in Arequipa

During this time, we have continued on with our regular services. Praise the Lord, several new visitors have been coming to church recently. Some of our brethren have been bringing family and friends, and we are so thankful for that!

During the month of March, we had a one-day retreat for our adolescents and teens. We rented the same school that we used for our youth camp last year. We had a good time with our young people and were able to preach God's Word to them. Our topic was the same topic that we will have during our upcoming youth camp in the month of August – "Decisions."



At the beginning of April, we had to move to a different building for our church. The new place we are renting is only a couple of blocks from the previous building we rented. Moving is always tiring, but it was a joy to see our brethren coming together and willingly working to help with the move. We are praying that this will be the last time we have to move to another rented building.

These past few weeks have been filled with trials and heartache for many of our brethren. Sister Rocio lost her job, then her mother died, and after that, her father was diagnosed with cancer – all within a period of 3 weeks. Sister Karina (she is in charge of cooking whenever we have camp or retreats) has also been through a lot during this past month. A cousin of hers died and there is an ongoing investigation regarding her cousin's death. One week after that, Karina's brother-in-law died of a heart attack and that same week, Karina's sister (the one whose husband had died) was diagnosed with cancer.

I had the tremendous opportunity of presenting the gospel at the wake of Karina's brother-in-law. As I was preaching the gospel, one man started shouting that his friend (the one who had died) would not have liked to hear what I was saying and that no one else wanted to hear what I was saying. This man started coming towards me, but several men grabbed him and threw him out of the house. It was all very sad because most of the people there were lost and some were drunk.



There was an image placed in front of the casket and a sense of complete hopelessness. We pray that some of the ones there will come to know the Lord and find true peace and hope in Him!

Since all of this has happened, Karina has brought her cousin's teenage son (the one whose mother's death is being investigated) two different times to church, and she has also brought her parents and one of her sisters.

Please keep these people and the ministry here in your prayers!

Baptism

For a long time we have been praying that different people attending our church would make the decision to follow the Lord in baptism. Glory to God, the Quispe family (Bro. Juan, his wife, and their young adult son) have all asked to be baptized! Another man who has been faithfully attending for almost a year, Bro. Marco, has also asked to be baptized. Sister Karina's son has also asked to be baptized. We rejoice in what our Lord is doing here! May 1 is a holiday in Peru and we will be baptizing all 5. Later, we will have a meal and then a time of fellowship. We know many have been praying for God to continue working here and we thank you for that. It is so wonderful to see God work!

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If you would like to send a check, please make it out to Brentwood Baptist Church Mission Account and please include in the memo that it is for "Matsuda Support."

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Camp

It is amazing how fast time has gone by! Time for our youth camp is nearly upon us! We will be having youth camp July 31 through August 4. We are very excited and eager to see what God will do during this time! Last year we had our very first camp and, praise the Lord, we were able to buy several things that were needed, such as mattresses, dishes, etc. This year, we are calculating that we will need \$6,000 dollars to cover all the expenses. We ask that you please help us pray for this! We truly believe that working with our youth is a huge investment for the future. We want to preach the gospel to them and train them to be solid, dedicated disciples who will bring glory to our Lord with their lives. If the Lord lays it on your heart to help with our camp expenses, please contact me.

Construction Project

Last year our church was able to buy land and now we are trying to raise offerings for the construction. Praise the Lord, we currently have almost \$7,000 dollars for construction. A constructor that we met with gave us a calculation of \$80,000 dollars (this includes the termination of the first floor, without finishings, but with a foundation that could hold up to 3 floors). Please help us pray! This is an impossible feat on our own, but we know full well that with our Lord nothing is impossible!

Our Family

Praise the Lord, our family is doing well! As I mentioned in our previous letter, our family moved to a different house a little over a month ago. One week after our move, we had to move our church to another building. There is still a lot of work to be done, both in our house and in the new rented church building. As always happens in moves, different things get ruined or stop working, and such has been the case with our clothes dryer. In the end, it will be better to buy a new one rather than trying to fix our old one. A new one is going to cost approximately \$850 dollars. If the Lord should lay it on your heart to help towards this, we will praise Him for it! Honestly, sometimes we would rather not mention things like this because it seems like different needs are always being mentioned. We know that God always provides our needs in His time and we have seen Him provide time and time again. The reason we mention it now is because sometimes people or churches ask for specific matters that they can help us pray about.

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 \$17,100 dollars on the car. We would appreciate your prayers for this matter as we hope to get it paid off as soon as possible.

Thank You!

We want each of you to know how grateful we are for lifting us up in prayer, for the sacrifices you make and the love you show us. Thank you for investing in the ministry here! Our Lord is always so good and we consider it such a privilege to serve Him here. Please continue praying! May God greatly bless you and continue to use you for His glory and purposes!

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