

# 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



May and June 2023

Dear Brethren,

We greet you in name of our precious Lord!

### The Work in Arequipa

#### Baptism

Glory to God, last month was a time of great victory and a huge answer to prayer! We were able to baptize 5 more brethren into the membership of our church. Brother Juan Quispe, his wife Nelly, and their young adult son Juan Rodrigo were baptized, as well as Brother Marco Tapara and another young man named Rodrigo. On the day they were baptized, they all invited their relatives and friends, so we had a very big group and we were able to preach to them. Later, we had a fun time of fellowship with food and sports. All 5 of the ones who were baptized had been coming for quite a while and finally asked to be baptized so they could make their faith public and become members of our church. Please pray for them to continue growing in the Lord!



#### Adolescents and Teens

Every Saturday morning, a good group of adolescents and teens are arriving for our program. Right now, we are studying through the entire book of Proverbs. We are talking a lot about decisions that they will have to face, and we are also using this as a way to prepare them for our youth camp in the month of August. The young people have been divided into 2 groups and they are competing against each other. The winning team will get to go to camp for free and have a little spending money at the kiosk. They are very excited and are bringing several of their friends.



#### Ladies Meeting

Our ladies are also meeting together on Saturdays and they are currently learning about what God says about the family. We firmly believe in fulfilling the third part of the Great Commission and teaching everything that the Lord has commanded in His Word. It also allows a more informal time where the ladies can ask questions and share prayer requests. Please keep praying for the ladies in our church, that God will help them keep growing and to be a blessing in their homes.



#### Sunday School

Every Sunday morning, we separate into 3 classes. My oldest son Andy is teaching the children's class and right now they are going through the 10 plagues and learning about God's mighty power. My wife is teaching the adolescent and teen girls and they are learning about how to be set free from sin and lies with which the devil likes to fill our minds. I am teaching the adults and teen boys and we are going verse by verse through the book of Romans. Our attendance varies from week to week, but we have approximately 50 coming.



#### Visitors

Praise the Lord, each week we have different visitors. In our last prayer letter, we mentioned Sister Karina and several problems that her family was going through. For the past 2 months, she has been bringing several of her family members and they have been faithfully attending. Please pray for their salvation!

Please also pray for the salvation of Gabby and her 21-year old daughter Annabelle. They have been visiting our church and are facing a lot of difficulties.

#### Conference in Huanuco

In the month of June, I was invited to preach in Huanuco where Bro. Vladimir Espinoza is the pastor. We had a wonderful time together and I was able to see their church building which has been under construction. While I was gone, my son Andy filled in for me on Sunday morning and Sunday night. I am very thankful for his willingness to help. Our children truly are such a blessing in the ministry and we are thankful for them.

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## Camp

The biggest event that we are preparing for right now is our youth camp at the end of July! This is the 2nd youth camp that we are organizing and we are very excited to see what God will do. Glory to God, so far, we have received \$3,500 dollars to help out with camp! Our church has also raised \$1,000 dollars for camp. We still need approximately \$2,000 dollars to help cover basic needs. Since covid, prices have skyrocketed. We are trying to find ways to cut back on expenses. There is a weather phenomenon that is causing the weather to drop, and we have had to buy several gas heaters for camp. We are attempting to stamp (on our own) the t-shirts that we will hand out as prizes. Bibles have also been purchased to hand out to the winning teens from each cabin.

We ask that you would please help us pray that God would provide what we need and that He would bless this endeavor. Our biggest goal is to reach more young people and have an impact on their lives. We want to preach the gospel to them and help them make decisions that would bring glory to His name. We have already received messages from teens in several different cities in Peru that are planning on coming!

We want to thank Lakes Pond Baptist Church in Connecticut, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Idaho, Heritage Baptist Church in Ohio, Calvary Baptist Church in Illinois and others for their love offerings for camp. Thank you all so very much and may our Lord richly bless you! Thank you so much for investing in our young people's future!

## 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

We want to praise the Lord of His protection and grace! As I mentioned in previous letters, we moved to another house in a different neighborhood mostly because of safety concerns. We found out that just a few weeks after moving, thieves broke into the old house that we used to live in. And just a couple blocks from the old house, several houses have been robbed at gunpoint. God is very good in protecting our family from this!

In the month of June, we had to drive to Cusco, which is 8 hours away from Arequipa, to get our youngest child's Birth Abroad Certificate and American passport. We are also still trying to get our oldest's Social Security number. Praise the Lord, the trip and appointment went well.

We have had several birthdays in the family. Our children keep growing! Please pray for their salvation and spiritual growth in the Lord!

Andy will soon be starting high school! We already ordered his books so that Pastor Jennette from Illinois can bring them down when he comes for camp. Andy is being enrolled in an accredited Christian school, but will be doing all the school work at home. This cost \$860 dollars.

There have been lots of extra expenses over the past couple of months, but God always provides. We are very thankful for Bryan Station Baptist Church in Kentucky for sending an offering of \$850 dollars so that we could buy a gas dryer! In our last letter, we mentioned that our dryer had stopped working, but praise the Lord, this need has been met!

As many of you know, I also teach online Spanish classes to missionaries and preachers. I have also taught Spanish to high school and grade school students in small schools in churches. Some of our students have finished the program and we are looking for new students. This helps pay the bills and also helps out with expenses that come up in the ministry! If you know of anyone who is wanting to learn Spanish, please pass our information along.

**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 \$16,800 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  
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