

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



January and February 2025

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord! There have been many things happening during the past couple of months and we would like to share them with you!

January

Around the middle of January, we purchased a solar system for the church building. It cost a total of \$3,500 dollars. We still had \$2,000 dollars in love offerings that had been sent for the construction of the second floor, and our family covered what was lacking. It has been such a blessing to have and makes everything so much easier! Praise the Lord, the men in our church all helped with running the electric installations, light switches and light fixtures.

In January, we were also able to start having Sunday School classes again. We have a group of young people who take turns teaching the children's Sunday School class, and we are very happy that a few children from the neighborhood have started coming! One Sunday, we have a general adult Sunday School class, while my wife has a class with the adolescent girls, and the next Sunday, we separate the men and women and have two separate adult classes. It has been a blessing to start this up again!

February

On February 12, my family and a group of 5 young people from our church (in two vehicles) embarked on a long trip, heading to the jungle city of Tarapoto, to participate and help out at a youth camp. The pastor who organized the camp is new in the ministry and this was the first camp he was organizing. We first had to drive from Arequipa to Lima, which normally takes about 14 hours. Because of the intense rains and landslides, it turned into a 19-hour trip. At one point, we had to drive through a city that had been flooded, where we saw people crossing the street, wading in water up to their knees. We were able to stop in Lima and rest for a few hours and then began the 12-hour drive to Chiclayo. We used to be missionaries to Chiclayo and we were able to visit some people while we were there. After resting in Chiclayo for a day, we continued on with our journey. Shortly after leaving Chiclayo, our tire was destroyed and we had to stop and change it. Later, we had to buy 4 new tires to be able to continue on with our trip, because all of our tires were very worn-out and needed to be replaced, since we had been using them for the past 4 years. We drove another 14 hours and finally reached the city of Tarapoto on Saturday evening. Sunday morning, we were at Mount Calvary Baptist Church and that was a blessing!

Camp started the following day. I had been invited to preach the evening services and my wife had been asked to teach all the girls in the mornings. Being at this camp was a sobering experience, as several teens opened up, asking questions and advice on how to deal with abuse, rape, suicide, etc. There was a lot of pain and hurt, but we believe the Lord worked in the lives of these teens. In a way, we felt so impotent, but we know that God knows and has all the answers! Please keep these young people in your prayers!

On Friday morning, our oldest daughter Katie, who is 13-years-old, passed out and gave us quite a scare. In the end, she was given IV fluids and reacted, although she was very weak. We believe it was a result of the exhaustion and heat, as well as possible dehydration, but praise the Lord, she is ok now!

Early the next morning, our group started back on the road, but we had to take a completely different route because a bridge that we had previously crossed over had collapsed due to the rains.



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Praise the Lord, we made it back to Lima in time for my interview at the American embassy that Monday morning. The Lord truly answered exceedingly above what we had asked for, as the visa was granted and sent through the mail just a few days later. By Wednesday night, we were all back home in Arequipa. It was a very long 2 weeks, but we praise the Lord for the privilege He granted us and for all that He did during that time!

Travelling to the States

As soon as we arrived home, we started looking into tickets and praying about the plans to travel to the States. Tickets have been bought and we will be leaving Peru on March 19 and arriving into Tampa, Florida on March 20. As you can imagine, travelling to a different country with a family of 9 will not be easy and there is a lot of work ahead of us.

Brother Tony Abanto from Lima, will be moving to Arequipa with his wife and 3 children to take over the work during our time in the States. We have rented an apartment for him, which we will be paying for, and will be furnishing it for him before he arrives. We will be packing all of our belongings and moving out of our rented house, and storing everything in one of the shipping containers at our church building. We have to be moved out of the house we are renting by March 15, so we are limited on time. Everything has happened very quickly, but we are at peace knowing that God has opened every door as He sees fit. This will be a time of transition for our family and our church, and we ask that you please pray for us. Pastor Hille in Plant City, Florida, is trying to set up an itinerary for us so that we can start with deputation/furlough as soon as we arrive.



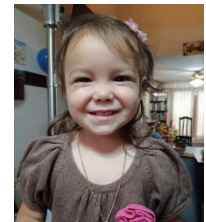
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Our Family

In January, Maggie, our youngest, turned 2 years old! We praise the Lord for her life! During January, my children were very busy trying to finish up the school year, which they were able to get done.

There are a lot of mixed emotions about leaving Peru and going to the States. My wife has not returned to the States for the past 17 years, and for my children and I, it will be our first time there. So, we will be experiencing a lot of things for the first time. Please pray for God's provision, protection, and guidance. Our purpose in going to the States is to visit churches and Lord willing, raise enough offerings to complete the construction of the church building in Arequipa. We plan to stay in the States anywhere between 6 months to 1 year, but will make decisions as God directs. We hope to return to Peru and keep on working as soon as possible. I know we always ask for prayers, but we truly covet and appreciate your prayers throughout this whole phase!



Thank You!

Thank you very much for your faithful support and prayers! We want to extend a special thank you to The Bible Baptist Church and to Pastor Hille and his family in Plant City, FL, for all that they have been doing for us as they have been preparing for our arrival. We are overwhelmed by the love and care they have shown for us. May God greatly bless each of you!

Your Servants in Christ,
Daniel Matsuda and Family
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