

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



July and August 2024

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! Things have been extremely busy the past couple of months. We have sent out special letters asking for prayer for our youth camp and for the purchase of more land next to the church property. But now, we would like to give a more detailed report of what has been happening.

July

In the first week of July, my family and I traveled to Tacna (a 5-hour drive to the last city on the border of Peru-Chile). I had been invited to preach at the anniversary services for Maranatha Baptist Church. Missionary Douglas Rose has been working there for several years. He is my wife's uncle and is the father of my wife's cousin, who has been staying with us during her cancer treatment. They had several visitors during the services and we had a wonderful time in the Lord! The following week, I had the opportunity to travel to Tingo Maria (a city in the jungle) for a missions' conference at Hebron Baptist Church, where Pastor Ysaac Ore is at. It was a blessing to fellowship with the brethren and preachers there, and hear God's Word being preached!

Youth Camp

One of our biggest events of the year is our youth camp at the end of July and beginning of August! We thank the Lord for the offerings that were sent and for how He provided! So much time and money are invested into this program, because we truly believe that it is worth reaching our youth – preaching the gospel to them, encouraging them in the Lord, and helping them in their walk with the Lord. This year was our most highly attended year so far. We had a little over 100 campers registered, as well as adults helping, and preachers and their families. Every evening, the doors were open for the public and several of the teens' parents came, so we had approximately 150 people in the night services. We are very thankful for Pastor Douglas Meader and Missionary Nick Stelzig for coming and preaching for us, and for all the other preachers and brethren who came to participate and help! God was very good and we believe this camp was a blessing to the youth. Our theme was "Running the Race." There were professions of faith, as well as young people wanting to draw closer to the Lord and realizing that they had not fully been living for the Lord. We have read and heard many testimonies of how this camp has had a positive impact on their lives and on their churches, and we praise the Lord for that! Please keep these young people in your prayers! The Sunday following camp, we had a wonderful time in the Lord at our church. Several of the ones who had come for camp were still in Arequipa, and we had 4 messages preached that morning, followed with a meal. It was a privilege to be able to have this service in our new church building!



Purchase of Land and Building Project

Last month, we sent out a letter asking for prayers, regarding the opportunity to purchase land next to our church property for \$25,000 dollars. The reason we wanted to buy this land was so that we can have camp on our own property. For the past 3 years, we have had to rent a school for camp, and every year the price has gone up. This year, 4 days before camp started, we had to find a new place to rent for camp, because plans fell through where we had originally planned to have it. We want to avoid problems like this in the future. Sovereign Grace Baptist Church graciously sent \$5,000 dollars and another brother sent \$500 dollars. Later, we received a love offering of \$10,000 dollars. With these offerings, we were able to make the downpayment, which was \$15,500 dollars, and on August 22, we were able to sign the paperwork for the purchase of the land! We still owe \$10,000 dollars to finish paying for the land. This week, the land will be leveled and next week, we will start building the foundation.



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We plan on building everything that is needed for our camp facility (dorms, kitchen, bathrooms, etc.) with shipping containers, just like we are doing for our church building. We need to purchase 6 more shipping containers, which will cost approximately \$18,600 dollars (this includes purchasing the containers, transporting them, and having them placed on the foundation). From there, most of the work will be done by the men of our church. It is a lot of work, but we believe we can have most of it done in time for camp next year! We calculate that we need approximately \$65,000 dollars to finish paying for the land, buying the containers, and building everything for our camp facility. We are very excited with what the Lord is doing! We started with the construction of our church building in May of this year, and we never would have imagined that we would have advanced so much by now, and that we would be able to purchase more land to start building to have camp there. Please help us pray! If the Lord lays it on your heart to help with this, we will give Him all the glory!



Upcoming Events

In October, my wife's parents will be coming to visit and my father-in-law will be preaching our first official conference at our new church building! We will be inviting neighbors from the area. Please pray for this!

Pastor Ysaac Ore from Hebron Baptist Church in Tingo Maria has also invited my entire family and me to come to preach for their Family Conference. We will be driving down and it is about a 30-hour trip. We will be breaking the trip up and making the most of it. We plan on also stopping by Pucallpa and Jauja, to visit some of the brethren there. Please pray for this trip and the conference!

Our Family

Praise the Lord, our family is doing very well! In the month of July, we celebrated our daughters' birthdays. Katie is now 13 years old and Allie is 5 years old. We are very thankful for their lives. Katie is now playing the piano in our church services and is always helping and serving. Allie is enjoying Kindergarten and quickly learning how to read and write. In the middle of September, we will celebrate our 6th child's 4th birthday. Artie was born during covid and we almost lost him. We are so thankful for his life and for God's goodness! Please keep our children in your prayers.



I have been working on paperwork to be able to travel to the US. Since my wife and children are American citizens, I cannot simply get a tourist visa. I have to get a different type of visa. Our oldest son will be graduating from high school in a couple of years, and we are still praying about his future, but most likely, he will be moving to the US after graduating, and I need to be able to travel there. We are paying a lawyer to help us with this process, because it is a little complicated. Soon, I should have my interview at the US embassy in Lima, and from there I should be scheduled to travel to the US. Doing paperwork is always such a headache and we are hoping this will be over with soon. We would really appreciate your prayers for this matter as well.

Thank You!

Humanly speaking, when we look at all that faces us, it can get overwhelming. Praise the Lord, we know that He is the One in control and we can look to Him for all our needs! We are so grateful to everyone who prays for us and sacrificially gives towards the work here. Thank you for your love and encouragement! We are praying for each of you! May the Lord greatly bless you and continue to use you for His glory! Let us continue to work while it is yet day (John 9:4)!

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

Financial Report

Camp 2024	
Supporter	Amount
Bryan Station B.C. KY	\$ 500.00
Lakes Pond Baptist Church, CT	\$ 3,500.00
Charity Baptist Church, TX	\$ 200.00
Different Brethren in Peru and USA	\$ 1,100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, IL	\$ 637.00
Nampa Sovereign Grace B.C. ID	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$7,937.00

*Approximately \$8,500 dollars was spent, but this is the amount in offerings that we received for camp this year.

Building Offerings	
Supporter	Amount
Bible Way B.C. TX. USA	\$ 1,000.00
Newby Baptist Church, KY	\$ 1,622.50
Brentwood Baptist Church, VA	\$ 6,000.00
Bible Baptist Church, FL	\$ 5,000.00
Lakes Pond Baptist Church, CT	\$ 500.00
Different Brethren in Peru and USA	\$ 1,200.00
Saved Offerings	\$ 4,000.00
	\$ 19,322.50

Expenses Until Aug 1	
Supporter	Amount
Containers	\$ 5,500.00
Materials and payment to workers	\$ 13,500.00
Biodigester	\$ 850.00
Generator	\$ 657.89
	\$ 20,507.89

Note: These were the offerings sent for the construction of our church, which were received up until the month of July. Next, are the expenses listed out until August 1. We have not advanced much since then because of the different activities.

Offerings For New Land Until August	
Supporter	Amount
Sovereign B.C. ID	\$ 5,000.00
Anonymous	\$ 10,500.00
	\$ 15,500.00