

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



November and December 2024

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord! As we start a new year, it is our sincere desire and prayer that you will continue to be greatly blessed and used by our Lord for His glory!

Travels in November

November was an extremely busy month for us. My family and I embarked on what turned into a 3-week long trip, where we drove approximately 80 hours in total! We first made it to Tingo Maria, a city in the jungle, which was about a 25-hour drive, to preach a family conference at Hebron Baptist Church, where Bro. Ysaac Ore is the pastor. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with the brethren there. We also had the privilege of going to one of their mission works, about 4 hours away, and preaching there. By that point, we were deep in the jungle! The following week, we drove to Pucallpa, which was further into the jungle, where I preached at 2 different churches, Antioch Baptist Church and Mount Horeb Baptist Church.

Finally, we drove to Jauja, to preach a conference at my father-in-law's church, Bible Way Baptist Church, and later at Grace and Peace Baptist Church in Huancayo. We had planned to return home sooner, but were forced to stay a few more days in Jauja because of strikes that were happening, which were causing road blocks. By the time we arrived home, we were utterly exhausted. But we praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunity we had, to travel together and see so many brethren. It was truly very encouraging for us and it was a blessing!

December

While we were travelling in the month of November, the church building was moved to the corner of our land, causing us to gain a lot of space, so that we can build a sports field which will be used for camp and many other activities. As many of you already know, it also started raining during this time. We sent out a letter at the end of November, asking for \$5,000 dollars to build the second floor, so that the first floor would not be ruined by the rains. We were amazed as we watched God respond through different churches and brethren. In the end, we received \$7,900 dollars for this need! Praise the Lord for how good He is! With that, we were able to do a little more than we had originally planned. Not only were we able to complete the second floor with a roof that would protect the entire building from the rains, but we were able to put in 4 big windows on the second floor, and build a sturdy staircase connecting the 1st floor to the 2nd floor. Our people were able to do a lot of the work themselves, while for other parts, we had to hire people to do it. As the last part of the wall was being put in, it started raining hard! God was so good and allowed the rains to stop while the entire second floor was being built, and then they started back up as soon as we had finished!

On New Years Day, we had a Thanksgiving service at church and several visitors came. All the men of our church each took time to thank the Lord and give a testimony of God's faithfulness throughout the year. We then had a meal and a time of fellowship. With the second floor now completed, we will be able to start back up with our different Sunday School classes this Sunday! For now, we will be using the second floor as our auditorium, and we will be having two separate classes on the first floor, one in the larger area (which we were using for the auditorium) and one in the container that has still not been cut open. We have not been able to have different Sunday School classes since we began building, so we very happy about this!



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Construction Plans

There is no electricity in the area where the church building is at, so we have been using a noisy generator this whole time. I have been looking into installing a solar system, but most systems are very expensive. I have found a reliable system that costs a total of \$3,500 dollars (this includes the installation, as well as everything that is needed to run the connections inside the building, and the purchasing of the lights). With time, as we build more for the camp facilities, we would have to buy another system, but for now, this system would provide electricity for lights, sound system and everything we need for the 1st and 2nd floors of the building we currently have. We still have approximately \$2,000 dollars in offerings that were sent for the construction of the 2nd floor, which would mean that we are lacking \$1,500. I'm very excited about the possibility of having this solar system set up very soon! Please help us pray about this!

For the next phase of construction, we are praying for \$12,400 dollars (it costs \$3,100 dollars to purchase each container and have it transported to where we are). With that, we will be able to purchase 4 more containers, which will be used to extend our first floor, making it twice as large, and also build a second floor on top of that structure. Once the containers are in place, we will join everything with metallic structures, which the people of our church can do, without having to hire other workers. Once this is completed, we will have enough space for a kitchen, dorms/Sunday School rooms, and a large auditorium.

We are in awe at all that the Lord has done in such a short amount of time. We only started building less than a year ago, in April of 2024, and we have come so far by God's grace. Our people are very excited and are willing to keep working.

We are incredibly thankful for the offerings that have been sent to help us in this endeavor! We thank you so very much and pray that the Lord greatly blesses you for it! We truly are rejoicing in all that the Lord is doing!

Our Family

At the beginning of November, my wife and I celebrated our 17th wedding anniversary! We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and goodness throughout all these years! At the beginning of December, we also celebrated Andy's 16th birthday, our oldest son, and Kristie's 11th birthday, our third child. We praise the Lord for blessing us with our children. They are such a blessing to our family and the ministry here. I have also been working on my paperwork to be able to travel to the U.S. Praise the Lord, it seems like things are moving along. I have an interview scheduled at the American embassy for February 24. Please help us pray that all will go smoothly without any problems.

Thank You!

We are so thankful for your faithful support and prayers! Thank you for the offerings which have allowed us to keep advancing in the construction! Last Wednesday, I was overwhelmed, looking at all that the Lord has done. There is so much potential in this area and we are so excited to see all that the Lord will do here. Thank you so much for being a part of all of this. May God truly bless each of you!

Your Servants in Christ,
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