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



September and October 2024

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord! We hope you are all well and that God is greatly using and blessing you. We would like to tell you about what has been happening during the last couple of months.

September

In the month of September, Berea Baptist Church was officially organized as an independent church and we praise the Lord for this milestone! Our two oldest daughters, Katie and Kristie, were also baptized. They had made professions of faith a year ago at camp, and they had asked to be baptized. We wanted to let some time go by, as to be sure it was not emotion-led, but they have been very adamant about wanting to obey the Lord in baptism, and we are very grateful for that decision. On the same day of the baptism, we also had a meal and a wonderful time of fellowship with the brethren. There were some visitors and all of the members brought food, so we had a buffet. We are very thankful for all that the Lord is doing in the work here!



October

In October, my wife's parents came to visit and we took advantage of that visit and had our first official conference in our new building! We weren't sure if many visitors would come or not, since this was going to be the first time in this location. The week before the conference, we went around the neighborhood handing out invitations to let people know where we are located. God blessed greatly and we had many visitors that week. Bro. Marco won the visitor contest with a total of 27 points (everyone can continue to bring the same visitors throughout the week and they get one point for each visitor), Karina came in 2nd place with 23 points and Bro. Quispe won 3rd place with



20 points! Our people worked hard to bring their family, friends and neighbors and that was so encouraging. A few of the visitors were people who live in the neighborhood of our church building! What a blessing! The gospel was preached and the Lord's name was exalted. Our prayer is that seeds were planted and that we will see the results in the upcoming future. Please continue to pray for the work here – that we can be a light here and that souls will be saved.

Building Project

As you know, we have been advancing with our building project. We have not been posting as many pictures because the work that is being done is slower work, but the work has continued on. Praise the Lord, the pillars have been completed for the second phase, which will hopefully begin soon. The plan is to move our church building over to the pillars which have just been built, and then expand that. We will also build a 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} floor, so that we will have everything that is needed for our church building and for camp in the same building. We plan on also building a soccer court and several



restrooms with showers. For the next phase of construction, we need approximately \$20,000 dollars. This includes 6 more containers, which will be used for the 1st and 2nd floors, as well as the transportation and placement of the containers. From there, we are planning on completing everything else with metallic structures. Please help us pray for this matter. The rainy season will be starting in the month of January and lasts for a couple of months, and we are hoping to advance as much as possible before that. If the Lord lays it on your heart to help with this, we will be very grateful. We are very excited about all that is happening and for all that is to come! May His name be glorified in it all!

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Paypal: daniel.matsuda@spanish4servants.com Please also help us pray for a Family Conference, which I will be preaching in the jungle city of Tingo Maria next month, at Mount Hebron Baptist Church where Pastor Ysaac Ore is at. It is about a 30-hour trip and I will be driving down with my family. We appreciate your prayers!

Our Family

In the month of September, Artie turned 4 years old! We praise the Lord for this little guy's life. We are so thankful God spared him during his difficult birth during covid. God is very good! As I mentioned previously, I am working on paperwork to be able to travel to the States, and praise the Lord, in September, all the paperwork was approved. We are now waiting on my interview at the US embassy to be scheduled. We appreciate your prayers for this matter as well!



Thank You!

We are so grateful for your prayers, words of encouragement, monthly support, and special offerings! Thank you so very much for coming alongside us in the work here. We are praying for each of you! May the Lord greatly bless you and continue to use you for His glory! As the year is quickly drawing to a close, may we continue laboring for His glory!

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