



**To Our Faithful Supporters and Prayer Warriors,**

**MAY 2017**

2 Corinthians 1:7 “And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.”



Peru has suffered tragic flooding and mud slides that have caused over 100 deaths and over 70,000 homes destroyed. We are aware of 20 Baptist ministries that have directly been affected by the unusual weather. We thank those who have provided extra offerings so that we may do more in the ministry. The long process of rebuilding is difficult but also rewarding to see God working in lives. Please pray with us for these pastors and their ministries to be strengthened and mature in the faith.

2 Corinthians 1:4 “Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”

**Family:** Our children are in the final home stretch as they finish their schooling. They are looking forward to the summer break. Matthew is preparing to return to the States by scheduling to take his ACT in Lima and to transfer his residency back to his U.S. passport. We are still without our van that broke down in February and are using public transportation. This has affected our time, ministry with others, and expenses. Please pray for us to obtain other transportation soon.

**Ministry:** We have been focusing on building family relationships in these months. It has been a blessing to get to know our church family on a more personal level with a retreat, taking trips together, opening our home, and visiting them more often. They are teaching us how to make Peruvian food (pachamaca, lomo saltado) and how to understand their customs.

It has been a joy to disciple those who have a hunger to learn God’s Word. Please pray for the spiritual growth of Kervin/Arasely; Peter/Katie; and Uber/Miriam, who are currently being disciplined by us.

We rejoice in the increase of the church by adding three new members (Peter, Katie, and Yasser) and a newborn baby. More visitors have been coming and showing interest in the church.

The special Easter services, Mother’s Day celebration, baby shower, couples retreat, and church park activities all have made it possible to invite and welcome others to our ministry these last two months.

Our quarterly business meeting with the church has revealed that our tithes and offerings have increased but so have our expenses with our growth. Continue to pray for our church to find a permanent pastor and become independent.

Visit to the States: Jon and Matthew have purchased their tickets to return to the States, arriving on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Our home church is planning a Graduation Open House on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> for Matthew to receive his home schooling diploma from Abeka International Academy. He is praying that God will provide financially to be able to attend Maranatha Baptist University. Jon is returning with him to help in the transition, while Nisha and our other three children remain in Peru.

**If you would be interested in having Jon come and give a report in your church during the months of July-August, please contact us to make arrangements.**

2 Corinthians 1:11 “Ye also helping together by prayer for us...”

The Jon Harris Family

