



The BONHAM Family

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The last several months have been busy and full in the Bonham house, both on the ministry side of things and in our family life as well. Here's a quick rundown of the recent highlights for our family and a quick mention of specific ways we'd love for you to join us in prayer in each of these areas.

IN THE CHURCH — We have been excited to see consistent growth in our small congregation here in Arequipa, with more and more new faces who are turning into regular visitors. We have continued with teaching and discipleship, and we are in the planning stages of several other new ministries as well. The ladies' group has recently begun a "knitting circle" as a part of their weekly meetings, which has



An American teaching a Peruvian to make Colombian food.— Truly cross-cultural

been a big hit since knitting and textiles are so popular here in Peru. We've started knitting items for a home for at-risk young women, and it has been a great addition to our time of studying the Word. We've had several new ladies who have shown up to knit and stayed around for prayer and learning. We also recently launched our very first round of ESL classes. We are doing a "practice run" with members of the church while we tweak a few things, and we hope to open it up to the community next year. This 6-week course on "the basics" will wrap up at the end of November. Please pray that the new faces we've been seeing will continue to visit, that our members will continue to grow in depth as they dig into the Word each week, and our family will have the wisdom to love and serve

this group well. And of course, please continue to cover Nate and Nathaniel Gutierrez in prayer as they faithfully and prayerfully pastor, preach, teach and counsel each and every day.

IN THE HOME — Our home has been a lively place lately as our opportunities to invite others into our home for



Women's Bible Study



First E.S.L. class

meals and events have exploded over the past few months! We have been so thankful to have had a “revolving door” of sorts lately, and it has really helped to deepen our relationships here in Arequipa. Another exciting change at home has been with the official start of homeschooling. The first day of school was in September, when the twins started Kindergarten and Luís began preschool. So far, Nikki and the boys are enjoying their new routine, even though it requires a bit more organization than is usually common in the Bonham house! In addition to homeschooling, hospitality, and ministry events, Nikki and the boys’ schedule still includes soccer and speech therapy throughout the week. Please pray for our family as we continue to balance a full ministry schedule with the needs of being young homeschooling family. Pray that we would have intentionality in education, in ministry, in nurturing our marriage, and in loving our children well.



Noah, Barrett, and Luís hard at work.

FURLOUGH/HOME MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT — As soon as you find a rhythm, things change. That seems to be the common refrain of our family on the mission field. In December, we will interrupt our rhythm here in Peru with a four-month furlough in the U.S. Our agency appropriately calls this “Home Ministry Assignment.” What do we do during our Home Ministry Assignment? I’m glad you asked. Our first task is to visit 16 churches in 19 weeks. So far the Lord has been gracious to work out this scheduling and has allowed us to share and preach at many churches across the southeast. Then, in the midst of travels, we will squeeze in doctors checkups, dentist visits, eye exams and some remaining adoption necessities. We will also attend a mandatory event with our mission where they will debrief with us over our first



term and make preparations for our next term in Peru. Then, Lord-willing, we will spend some time with family and friends that we have not seen in awhile. In other words, the Home Ministry Assignment is not a break from ministry, but rather a change from ministry to the church in Peru to ministry to the church in the U.S. It also gives us time to reflect on how God has provided through all of you in ways we couldn’t even imagine.

Thank you for continuing to pray for us and be a part of our ministry here in Arequipa. We are so thankful for the opportunity to be a part of serving the Church here in Peru, and that opportunity wouldn’t be possible without the encouragement and support from our friends and family who love us so well from afar!



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