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MTW MISSIONARIES TO PERU

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MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

PLANTING CHURCHES
IN AREQUIPA, PERU

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READ THIS LETTER
AND PRAY!



RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

"It's a blessing, not only for my family but also for my neighbors, to be able to share water." As we shared in our last newsletter and you've likely seen on the news, Peru has been slammed with flooding this year due to a "Super El Niño." Of course, the problem is the amount of rain, but also the fact that the infrastructure is not adequate. Therefore, that puts us in a dilemma. No rain means no crops and no water, but even moderate rain means destruction and water cuts. Yes, you heard that right. When there is rain, water cuts are very typical because they want to prevent inundation of the water systems.



Many members of our church go days and sometimes weeks without running water. During these times, they depend on sporadic arrivals of water trucks in order to fill a bucket or two. This results in long lines and sometimes violent situations as people try to fill a bucket of water to last them for days.

In May, we were blessed with a short-term missions team from Madison Heights Church (Madison, MS) to help us install water tanks for a handful of our church members. This tanks served two purposes. First, they are to be a blessing to the family during the water cuts. Second, it allows them to share water with their neighbors as a way to show the love of Christ and open doors to share the message of Christ. Each tank displays the logo of the church as well as John 7:38 which points us to Christ as our living water. We were encouraged that all the recipients of the tanks where very grateful and excited to be able to use this as a way to reach their neighbors.



As if that were not enough, half way through the trip the team decided to help us install a wheelchair ramp in our facility. Churches (or any other institution, for that matter) rarely have accommodations for those with special needs. The ramp has already been put into use by one of our elderly members. We are grateful that we can now accommodate to those in wheelchairs.

Then, to wrap up our week, the team hosted a Mothers' Day American Cookout. The congregation was touched that this team of 5 guys would cook them an American lunch. It was also neat to see some Peruvians step up and cook alongside of them. Language barriers are no problem

when guys are grilling out! For several, it was their first time to taste hamburgers and hotdogs. The fellowship was great and we were able to clean up just before heading to the airport.

UPCOMING VISION TRIP: (August 11-18, 2017)

Do you have a friend or family member interested in missions? Perhaps someone in your church? Perhaps that person is YOU? In August, we are going to host an MTW Vision Trip. What is an MTW Vision Trip? This is a trip specifically designed for those who may be interested in serving as a short-term or long-term missionary but have no idea what that might look like. You can be anywhere on the spectrum... from saying to yourself, "being a missionary might be cool." to "I want to serve, I just don't know where." A Vision Trip provides the opportunity to come and visit us and see what ministry and life look like on the mission field. We will try to provide a glimpse into the culture, what ministry in a Peruvian context looks like, and experience daily living in Arequipa. We will also use this opportunity to see the beautiful sights in and around this beautiful city. If you are interested in attending this Vision Trip to Arequipa, Peru, please visit: <http://mtw.org/opportunity-details/peru-vision-trip> Or, please contact us for more details or to ask us any questions you might have.



NEW ADDRESS FOR MTW

Important for those who partner with us by mailing in checks to MTW—the mailing address has changed!!! Please note the new address: **Mission to the World, PO Box 744165, Atlanta, GA 30374-4165** (The old mailing address will be closed at the end of the year.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise for the team coming from Madison Heights Church.
- Pray that the tanks would be blessings and instruments for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to their neighbors.
- Pray our church could set an example for accommodating to and reaching those with special needs.
- Pray for our upcoming Vision Trip and those who will be participating, that the Lord might call some to AQP.
- Continue praying for Nikki's sister, Lacey. Also, pray for the Bonhams as Nikki and the boys continue staying in the U.S. to help the family and Nate is in Arequipa.