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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!**



**“Mom, I don’t want to go to that church, it’s boring. I want to go to La Roca, because they teach the kids there too, not just the adults.”**

These were the words of one of the 8-year-old girls who has been attending our church with her family. When her mom suggested attending a Catholic church closer to their home rather than making the trek to La Roca, this little girl protested.



[Nikki and Rogelia’s Sunday School class]

We have been going through the book of Genesis on Sunday mornings and have been focusing on how God’s covenant was not just with Abraham, but with his family as well. Part of putting this teaching into practice has been giving a 3-4min. children’s sermon simplifying and summarizing the sermon and praying for our



[Children’s sermon]

covenant children. Nikki and Rogelia (one of the Peruvians in our church) work hard at developing a program for the young children that expounds on the children’s sermon and includes snacks, music and a bible lesson. When this young girl’s father told us the story of his daughter protesting missing church at La Roca, we were so thankful to see the fruit of these efforts in her little life.

**Cow hearts for ministry**

In addition to praying for and investing in our children, we are discipling and training up local Peruvian leaders toward the mission of planting churches throughout the city. Cesar and Juana, a young couple who is wholly committed to Jesus, give us tremendous hope. They long to see the church grow in maturity and number. As part of the process of discipleship we asked Cesar to take over our youth ministry, and he and his wife Juana continue to surprise us with more and more youth each week. Please pray for these



[Juana and Cesar - Youth Leaders]

youth, pray for Cesar and Juana as they have big plans for their growing group over these next few months. Their first event includes an “Invite-a-new-friend to Peruvian Anticuchos Barbeque Night.” The night will be a huge outreach effort which will include anticuchos (cow-heart skewers), games, music, a raffle and a gospel message.

**Supporting National Work**

A few weeks ago, we (Nathaniel and Nate) attended the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Peru in the nation’s capital. We were able to network and build many new relationships with brethren from all over the country. Nathaniel was asked to be chair of the Pastoral Commission, and Nate was asked to labor with the Commission of Christian Education. We are excited to work at developing materials for wide-spread use, and to see how God will use these efforts to help in the expansion of his church throughout Peru.



[Youth Group began in March!]



[General Assembly in Lima, Peru]

**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**

- Please pray for our covenant children and for our ministry to them on Sundays.
- For maturity and commitment in our growing youth group. Pray for the BBQ outreach this July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Pray for Cesar and Juana as they grow in ministry and for Cesar as he considers whether or not God is calling him to the pastorate.
- Pray for Nate and Nathaniel as we develop materials to help churches nationwide.
- Pray for health in our marriages, for our children, our team and our personal holiness.
- Please continue praying for Nikki’s sister Lacey, as she battles cancer. Please pray for the Bonhams also as they serve here in Arequipa so far away from family during Lacey’s treatments.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support of our work. We give praise to God for your partnership with us and your investment in this growing ministry!