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ABOUT US

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THE BONHAM LINE



30 SECOND UPDATE (see articles below for more details)

- Nikki and Nate were invited to be speakers at a Marriage Conference. We were encouraged by the responses and our schedules quickly booked up with meetings with couples and singles from the Conference.
- Nate was invited to preach at the anniversary service of a local church whose pastor attends the Seminary. Church anniversaries are a much bigger deal in Peru than in the United States and are quite the celebration!
- We finished our 5th and final module of the year with Seminario Bíblico Reformado.
- We closed out the year with a Christmas party for the Arequipa students of the Seminary and their families.

It's mind-blowing to think that we have already entered 2019. That doesn't mean, though, that 2018 ended quietly. December proved to be quite a busy month for the Bonham family.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

As we mentioned a few times in our newsletters throughout the years, a primary target for ministry is in the marriage. Cultural and social influences have wreaked havoc on many marriages and relationships here in Peru. There is certainly no shortage of ministry opportunity in this area.

In December we were invited to be speakers at a Marriage Conference here in Arequipa. This was exciting for two reasons. One, it allowed us to teach and share on something we are passionate



about. Two, we were able to serve a church involved with the Seminary.

The Marriage Conference went really well and we were surprised by the feedback afterwards. One thing we did not expect was the line that formed after the Conference of people wanting one-on-one



marriage counseling. Please pray that we will have wisdom as we try to take advantage of these open doors.

ANNIVERSARIES

One difference you will find in the church culture here in Arequipa is the celebration of a church anniversary. In the United States we may mention it during the worship service or maybe even have a cake. But church anniversaries are a big deal here—special speakers, special food, extended worship services, special presentations, the whole nine yards.

In December one of the students of the Seminary who also pastors a local church invited us to their anniversary service. We were excited and honored to be invited, but I didn't find out until two hours before the service began that I was supposed to be preaching. Needless to say this was the shortest amount of time I've ever had to prepare a sermon. In Spanish. For a very special occasion. The Lord was very gracious. It was a beautiful celebration in the life of the church.



SEMINARY UPDATE

We finished our final Seminary module of the year teaching through the Gospels and the Apostles' Creed. We have completed 5 of the 7 modules of our program. We also had a special speaker come and present a one-night class on "Missionary Biographies in Latin America." Please pray for these students as the press forward.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

You can't close the year without a Christmas party. To celebrate, we invited all of the Arequipa students and their families to our house for a Christmas party. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and fun. In this case, pictures say more than words.



FINANCIAL GOAL UPDATE

To sustain our current international ministry and local ministry, we need to raise \$1,600 per month. Please consider making a monthly pledge towards are goal. Pledges may be made at: Give.TheBonhamLine.org.

After pledging, email us and let us know so we can update our update!

