



# THANK YOU

Dear Praying Friends and Family

March 2018

So much has happened recently that I hardly know where to start this letter. I flew back to the States two weeks ago and barely managed to avoid the first of several major snow storms to bury this part of Maine. I traded in my sunscreen for a snow shovel.

When the Lord guided us to leave Peru, we were unsure how long it would take to find the right church to serve the Lord. The answer was less than twenty-four hours. We had a very specific list of things we were looking for.

- Urban ministry
- Hispanic outreach
- Has a building we can use to grow in
- No stifling debt.

A church in the suburbs of Los Angeles has asked us to candidate. We have spent the last month communicating with them and feel there is potential for a good fit. Third week of April, we go there to candidate. Please pray God will give us wisdom and guidance that this is the best place for us to serve and minister.

The last few weeks in Peru were a heartfelt blessing. Many tearful hugs and promises to keep in touch were shared. One individual that I had spent hours working with both before our furlough and most recent time in Peru, accepted Christ as Savior. Another similar individual was very interested and came very close but wasn't quite ready to accept Christ at this time. Please pray for both that God will continue to work in their lives.

Many have expressed interest in continuing support through our mission until we finish our transition. Our mission will continue to receive funds for us during this time. Others have expressed the possibility to support Pastor Javier, our Peruvian co-worker, with part or all of the funds with which they were supporting us. If this is something you are considering, please send us an email and we will give you the account information through Baptist Mid Mission.

During our furlough in the U.S. both Nikki and I did substitute teaching and managed to save money from this work. Today, we opened our tax papers and realized we are going to have to spend that and then some to pay off this staggering tax amount. This is going to make any transition more challenging. I guess it is time to render to Caesar what is Caesar's and I wish he didn't always ask for so much!

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf,

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