

December '22

GOING WITH THE GOSHORNS

MISSIONARY FAMILY SERVING IN PERU



POLITICAL UNREST

Many of you have seen Peru in national headlines recently. The previous president of Peru attempted to dissolve congress and take complete control of the country earlier on in December. Thankfully congress was able to stop him and have since placed him in prison. Since then, a new president has been appointed by the government, not voted in by the people, to take his place. This has caused anger amongst the people here which has unfortunately led to violence. While our city has not been affected by the protests in any significant way, much of the country has. Please be in prayer for this nation and the people here, that this conflict may resolve quickly and peacefully.

CHRISTMAS IN PERU!

Our month was filled with celebrations and community. We began the month with a Christmas party with the kiddos from the Bible study. Caleb and Charlie had so much fun spending the evening with their friends watching a movie and eating junk food. We got everyone matching pajamas (a surprisingly expensive item here in Peru- most do not have pajamas), decorated Christmas cookies, and ended the evening with a massive pillow fight. One of the grown-ups may have even gotten involved in the pillow fight (looking at you Daniel). We all had a fun evening and are looking forward to hosting more events like this in the future!

Schools are finishing for the school year this month. This is usually celebrated with elaborate school programs on the final day. We were invited to attend one by our sweet friend Luz! Audrey and Charlie went to her school to watch each of the grades perform- some recited poems, others sang, but most of them chose to dance. They enjoyed supporting our friend and learning more about the schools here in Peru. We also attended a birthday party for one of Caleb's friends Reulyz. Birthdays are very important here in Peru- probably the second most celebrated day, after Christmas. Though the parties look a little different here than in the States, the kids were quick to join in on the fun. Check out our Facebook page for some videos of the birthday party.

We ended the month as the rest of you did, celebrating Christmas! As we mentioned earlier Christmas is probably the most celebrated holiday here in Peru. Families will spend Christmas Eve together, usually eating a large dinner, and stay up till midnight when the entire country erupts into a colorful firework display. This year we woke the kids up just before midnight and went up to the roof of our house with some friends and joined in on the fun! The kids loved watching all the colors dance around the sky, but Daniel's favorite part was setting off the fireworks ha. We had a great night spending time with friends. The next day we spent the morning together as a family and then welcomed our Bible study group into our home for Panetón and hot chocolate. These are the typical Christmas treats here in Peru.

Being away from family this time of year was challenging. This was the first year Audrey was not with her family for Christmas. Thankfully we had a month filled with friends that helped being away from home a little less difficult.



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CURRENT NEEDS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:



- Continued prayers for health and safety
- Pray that our visa process goes smoothly
- Pray for the hearts of the people here that they be open to the Gospel
- Pray for the numerous individuals meeting with us for Bible study, that the Gospel may transform their hearts
- Prayers for family and friends we have left behind
- Prayers for our children as they continue to go through transition
- Prayers for continued language learning
- Prayers for continued financial support
- Prayers for Peru as they face changes in the government

HOW TO PARTNER WITH US

Prayer

Scripture teaches that God hears the words of His children. Just as Paul coveted the prayers of the early Christians, we too covet the prayers of the believers. As a missionary family living outside the United States, we deeply covet your prayers on our behalf. Please pray for our health and safety, for wisdom and endurance, and that doors may be opened to share the Gospel with the lost.

Visit Us

This work is certainly a rewarding work, but that does not mean it is without its struggles. Leaving our family, friends, and lives in the United States brings its share of difficulties. Having visitors from the States come and experience our daily life with us is both encouraging and rejuvenating. Having teams or individuals come to work alongside us can be a great help to all involved.

Give Financially

Cross-cultural ministry is a partnership, and without financial partners this work cannot happen. Paul had partners in the first century who supported him so the Gospel could be taken to the lost. Likewise, we seek to take the Gospel to the lost and we cannot accomplish this mission without monthly financial support. The Flatwoods church of Christ is our overseeing eldership, and all funds may be mailed directly to the church and made out to "**Flatwoods church of Christ**" with "**Goshorn Mission**" on the memo line. If you would prefer to do direct electronic account transfers, please contact us by phone or email and we can provide that information.

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