

January 23

GOING WITH THE GOSHORNS

MISSIONARY FAMILY SERVING IN PERU



VISA UPDATE

We have an exciting update- our visas were finally approved and are ready to be picked up in Lima! This has been a months long process and we are thankful to finally have this checked off our list. We want to thank everyone who was praying with us about this. While we are relieved that our visas are ready to be picked up, we are still facing a challenge to actually make it down the mountain to get them. Civil unrest is still very prevalent in many parts in Peru which is making travel very costly or all together impossible. We had an appointment earlier this month only to have to cancel due to high airfare costs and then road closures. Our appointment was rescheduled for February 3rd so please be praying that we make it to Lima and back with our visas in hand!

CELEBRATIONS!

We had a couple of big celebrations this month! We celebrated Caleb's 4th birthday on the 17th. He had an evening filled with friends, cake, and all things Spider-Man. We think he had a fun time. We were also invited to a birthday party for Ariana. She is the daughter of one of our Peruvian friends, Rut. As we've mentioned previously, birthday parties are a big deal in Peru. This birthday party was no different. There were clown performers, kids dances, and of course a piñata. The kids decided to participate and it was so fun to watch!

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

All throughout Huancayo it is very common to see people on the side of the road trying to sell candy, fruits, even razors to make enough money to feed themselves and their families for the day. It is not uncommon for children as young as 4 and 5 years old to do this too. While the occasional sol (Peruvian currency worth about \$0.30) is appreciated, we wanted to do something different to provide for these families. We went to our local grocery store and purchased supplies to assemble food bags to hand out as we drive around town. The bags include essentials like soap, matches, rice, canned milk, and pasta. In Matthew 25:31ff we read of the essentiality of showing mercy to those in need. This is a passage that constantly resonates in our minds as we see the endless needs around us, therefore we feel compelled by Christ to try our best to show His love by providing anything we can. It might seem small to us, but it can make a big impact to those receiving it.



BIBLE STUDY

Our normal Bible studies have continued this past month. Daniel is meeting weekly with two people right now for personal Bible studies. We have several more folks we are still getting to know by meeting with them regularly to build relationships. These relationships will hopefully lead to deeper spiritual conversations and studies in the future. We also have our regular Sunday group that meets for study and worship in our home. There have been a few people move out of the area, and we are sad to see them go. Nevertheless, we have had the opportunity to meet new people who are interested in study, and that is a great encouragement to us. We are praying that hearts are open to the Gospel message and that souls will come to know the Lord.

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CURRENT NEEDS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:



- Continued prayers for health and safety
- 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 political instability

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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