

November '22

GOING WITH THE GOSHORNS

MISSIONARY FAMILY SERVING IN PERU



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Things were a bit different this year as we were away from both of our families for Thanksgiving. Nevertheless, we were privileged to share a traditional Thanksgiving meal with a young couple here in Huancayo. We were even able to find a frozen turkey! It was great to spend time with friends on a day that was made difficult by the absence of family. The following Sunday we prepared another traditional meal to share with the folks after our Bible study. They seemed to enjoy the meal and appreciated being included in something traditional to the US.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

Things are progressing well here in Huancayo! We continue to meet with several people throughout the week in addition to our usual Sunday crowd. We have made new contacts as well as deepened the relationships with people we already know. You never know where a new contact might come from. For example, our fruit lady has expressed interest in joining us for our weekly Bible studies. We are hoping to see a few new faces at our next study! As we have continued some of our established studies, many folks are arriving at cross-roads where they must decide if they will choose to place their faith in Christ and obey His word, or if they will instead continue in their current state. This is a critical time for many folks, and we pray they will be moved by the Gospel and choose to obey it.

For example, Bryan, one of the Venezuelans we have been studying with since arriving, said he wanted to be baptized. He and Daniella (his girlfriend) came to our house several weeks ago and the first thing he asked was how he could be baptized. We spoke for a while and discussed a number of things, including repentance. A couple of weeks later he again said he wanted to be baptized, but he said now that he knows it is fornication to be living with his girlfriend. He feels like he would be insulting God to be baptized and then return immediately to living with her. It is exciting that he realizes this aspect of what it means to repent and follow Christ, but his living situation is a great hindrance to his ability to become a Christian and follow Christ. A person certainly does not need to be perfect to become a Christian, but there does need to be a Biblical understanding of what is involved with conversion, and repentance is an essential aspect of that. We pray he will make the decision to repent and be baptized soon, but ultimately the decision is his to make.

Another example of people at a crossroad is Ara and her adult daughters, Andrea and Fran. Fran has been a part of our study group since we arrived in Peru, and her mother and sister arrived to Huancayo about two months ago and have also been participating in our studies and worship services since arriving. They, like all Venezuelans here in Peru, have faced enormous struggles over the past several years. They have a Catholic background, but now they have said they can see Catholicism is incompatible with New Testament Christianity. They face the decision of leaving the faith they have known their entire lives. They have expressed a hesitancy to becoming a Christian when there are so many things they do not yet know, and this is understandable. It is no small decision, but we pray they will continue to have the desire to study the Bible for themselves and choose to become children of God by obeying the Gospel.

WHAT'S NEXT:

December is shaping up to be our busiest month yet! We are heading to Lima for our next visa appointment on the 14th of December. We ask that you please pray that this appointment goes smoothly. Lord willing, this will be our final appointment before we receive our official residency cards. We are planning a Christmas movie night for the kids at our house in the coming weeks. Caleb and Charlie are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with their friends! We will also have other Christmas related festivities with friends and Daniel's family. While we are sad to be so far away from family and friends this time of year, we are looking forward to the new traditions we will create here in Huancayo. We can't wait to share all of our experiences with you next month!



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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

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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