

Mid-January 2024/December 2023 Newsletter Update

Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful support this month. We truly appreciate you, and the Lord will use your giving for the kingdom as we place it in his hands with faith. Here's where we are in:

News

It was our son Noah's birthday, and he turned three years old. We are attending a CIT missionary training in North Carolina for one month, from January 14th to February 9th. Then, we will be heading to Peru on February 19th! This is very exciting!!!

Circumstances

My apologies for the delay with the newsletter from December and the brevity of this newsletter. It was a busy and challenging month; however, the Lord was helping us through it the whole way. We turned in our employment resignations, moved out of the apartment, and are now in CIT missionary training in North Carolina until February 9th. Moving out of the apartment and getting rid of lots of stuff was rough, but we got it done. February 19th is our departure date for Peru.

Trying to finish well in the U.S. and start well in Peru has been a double load. During this time, the Lord comforted me. For the past three months, we felt we were racing against time, and I just told the Lord, I am tired of having to race like this. Then, he reminded me to rest in Him, the Alpha, and the Omega. There were many times we were overwhelmed with so many things to do, but when we rest in the Alpha and Omega, that time pressure and stress begin to dissipate as we place our trust in Him.

Another way the Lord reminded me to rest was not to worry. Isaiah 26:3-4, "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal." Many nights, I've worried so much I couldn't sleep. But he comforted me as I cried out to God and put those fears and worries in his hands. It's just my prayer this month that God may fill us with the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, to guard our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.

Another thing we have been doing is helping Rocio's siblings, who are 18 and 27. Praise the Lord. He has also helped them tremendously. The Lord's help was also seen through my dad, who helped us fix a vehicle to go to the missionary training. All this help was from the Lord!! He saw us overwhelmed, not sleeping, and wondering how we would get everything we had to do done. But the Lord helps us in our time of need! As it says in Hebrews 4:16, "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

I remember praying one night, walking outside, begging the Lord for help. Help my family. Lord, take care of Stephen and Noah, our two kids, with all these changes, and help me take care of Rocio and the kids. The Lord hears those cries.

Fundraising

Please pray for more supporters. Monthly, we are making half of the annual budget that needs to be met for the third year. We trust the Lord to continue providing and bringing this ministry to fruition. We need to raise \$50,067.44 for our third year, and we are at 44.3% of that amount (This is a report from the November 2023 report. The December report will be in January). If you feel the Lord Jesus is leading you to be in ministry with us financially, you can use the link below to contribute— <https://tnpartners.org> (Make a free account and choose the Ivey missionary to give). Blessings in Christ!

