

Hello Family!!

Here we are writing from Lima, Peru. We have been here for almost a month now. We can't believe how fast time goes.

In this past month we have been working on getting Jeremy's resident card, which is now in process and just waiting for it to be completed. We just got Ezra's Peruvian passport, and Sandra and the kids all have there Peruvian ID cards. We also opened a bank account here so we can start living like locals and not extranjeros. (some places we are charged fees due to US banking).

In the midst of all that, there has been some stressful weeks trying to find a house that fits all our needs. We can't count the amount of houses we looked at, the hours of looking online... a little tiring and anxious. At the moment we are still staying in an Airbnb, and it has been challenging with 2 dogs. We are staying on the 7th floor and having to take the dogs outside has been a pain in the rear, lol. It has also been hard adjusting to the Peruvian rhythm. It is so loud here and there's so many cars everywhere, our first week we had to use ear plugs because of the outside noise. But even in the midst of the challenges and new rhythm's of life we have been grateful and learning how to live in a new place...

With the challenge of not finding a house with the time frame we have, not within our budget, and what we are needing, we decided to start looking at apartments. And with that... We finally found an apartment in Miraflores, which is close to the "El Malecon" which is the cliff that over looks the pacific ocean. The apartment is on the 2nd floor, its beautiful and brand new which is great consider all the houses we looked at that were rundown. The good thing about this apartment is that the windows have noise cancellation, which means no outside noise when the windows are close!! 🙌

The only thing with this apartment is that it doesn't have a garden inside, which means we will have to take the dogs out. But the good thing here is that we found out that there is a business that sells blocks of grass that you can put in your patio that resembles the outside for dogs to do their business, it is like a raised bed garden but with grass. They also come periodically to replace sod. So that is what we are thinking of doing when is late at night and we don't want to go outside to take the dogs out. But overall the apartment is spacious and new. It's a perfect place for having Lifegroup's or just inviting people for dinner. Our move in date is July 1st!

We are so thankful for God's provision and faithfulness even when we doubted. We are signing the contract hopefully this week for a year, and we'll see if it works out to stay there longer.

Thankful for all you and your prayers for us!!!

At the moment, we are getting some small kitchen stuff, and also we are looking for a bed for Ezra. The apartment already comes semi furnished, so we don't have to buy the big appliances. Thank God!!!

We are also preparing to fly back to Texas at the end of July for our missions conference (USCon).

The missions conference from Latin America got canceled in March because of the riots that were going on in Mexico, so they are combining the Latin and the US teams.

Kids have been going to the church Youth night called "El Pulso" (The Pulse). They're slowly meeting kids. It's a bit hard with the language barrier, but the good thing is that a lot of the kids speak english, so they try to help our kids with understanding the teachings.

We have been going to church and met some great families. We also have seen some people we knew from over 17 years ago, and they look exactly the same. Time has not gone by them! We also have had some contacts for Spanish tutors for our kids, and for Jeremy. We will be doing that as soon as we move and settle in our apartment.

We also have some friends that do a Co-Op and they take small trips to different places in Lima with all the kids and parents. These are Peruvian and American families with kids ranging from 5-15years old. Our first outing will be the first week of July, and we are excited to meet more families!

Please continue to pray for godly friendships for us and our kids!!! It's hard to try to adapt to the culture and try to fit in when its so different. Pray for patience and joy in the midst of it all...

We also had the opportunity to join a team that came from Florida. They came to help at our church, "Calvary Lima". We were able to help with two of the outreaches that the church has, skatepark ministry which is lead by the same guy that has a surf ministry, and El Remanente. At the skatepark we were able to take the kids and be there as a family, something we will do more often. There were so many kids ranging from 11 and up. The leaders hang out, skate with the kids, and then do a small competition to see who did the best tricks and the top 3 would win a prize. After that someone shared the gospel, asked if anyone needed prayer, and gave out snacks. It was a long night but so rewarding to see so many kids listening, and wanting prayer.

We also went to another ministry called "El Remanente", which means The Remnant. Once a month a small group from the church comes to an area in Lima where you have this community of men and a few women who are living on the

streets by a railroad track. These men and women are chained to their addictions. Here these men and women sleep in made up shelters made from junk materials that have been found on the streets. The living conditions are horrible... they come filthy, under the influence, or just tired of living. This ministry gives them value and reminds them who they truly are. We got to share the love of Christ as we helped these men and women wash their hands and feet, brush their teeth, shave, brush their hair, and give them clean shirts/pants. We also shared the gospel and feed them. If these men so chose, we give them an opportunity to go to a place called, "Casa Hogar." Here is where they have room and board at no cost, they detox, learn skills and traits to where they can get a job, and most importantly grow in the knowledge of who Jesus is, and be transformed by the Holy Spirit. This is all a voluntary decision for them and when we went we had the privilege to witness 4 men, being broken and wanting to get out of the dark place they were at. The leader of this ministry (Pedro) took these men to a home where they will "hopefully" stay for a whole year. It was a beautiful thing to witness Jesus work in these men's heart and to let them know they have purpose and they are precious in His sight!! *(pictures in slide show)

Thanks again for all your prayers and support. We are in awe of God's way of guiding and showing us the way to go.

If you would like to stay more connected follow us on [facebook](#). We will post more periodically there and on our website we will do more monthly updates. If you are not on social media and/or would just like to know how we are doing, please reach out to us by phone or a text message. Our phone numbers are the same and we would love to hear from you.

We can't thank you all enough...!!! 

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Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the apartment that God already has prepared for us, that it will be home away from home.
- Pray for the finals logistics of signing the contract for the apartment, the wire transfers for the monthly rent payments, etc.
- Pray for God to lead us into godly friendships in Peru for our kids and us.
- Pray that God will continue to prepare and equip us to do His work in Peru.

- Pray for our kids as we transition to Peru. For peace and contentment as they trust God and walk by faith. Also for them to be able to see outward to God's guidance and plan instead of inward to their fears of the unknown.
- Pray for the ministries of "The Remnant" and for the Skatepark/Surf ministry.

Psalm 27:13 " I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living"

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