

# THE STOVER FAMILY

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MISSIONARIES TO PERÚ



I thank the Lord for His grace in my family's life. God bestows grace, His unmerited favor, on our lives as Christians. Some of you may remember that my brother Gabe passed away suddenly from an aneurism on August 18, 2012. I remember the grief and pain that was so heavy on my heart during that time. It was only God's amazing grace that sustained me. We still need God's grace every day - that amazing "grace that will lead me home." What a glad reunion day there will be at the feet of Jesus for those who have placed their faith in Christ. May we continue to be faithful to share the message of salvation as we look forward to that wonderful day!

*"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud,*

*but giveth grace unto the humble."* James 4:6

## Return to Peru

We are scheduled to return to Peru on **November 12**. Peru has yet to open their international borders, and many places remain in total lockdown.

There is not a whole lot of definite information as to when the borders will reopen, and the date for the lifting of the state of emergency has been moved back several times. We know that all these things are in the Lord's hands, and we are trusting in Him as we wait.

## Pandemic in Peru

The Covid-19 pandemic has worsened in Peru in recent days with increased cases and deaths. Many have lost loved ones, including Pastor Henry who lost a cousin and an uncle. August 2, Pastor Luis Navarro in Arequipa (where we worked during our first term) went to be with the Lord. Please pray for his wife Ruth and his three children. We have had several people in our church become ill, but we thank the Lord that they are now recovering. Many are dealing with loss as well as economic hardship due to the extended time of strict quarantine. If you would like to give to help towards these needs, you can send an offering marked "Special Funds" to MWBM. Thank you to those who have already given towards food bags and offerings for the pastors.

## Church Update

Calvary Baptist Church continues to meet for services and Bible studies through Facebook Live and Zoom. It has been difficult for them to be unable to meet for

regular services now for over 5 months, but we know the Gospel is not bound by a virus. Pastor Henry has shared that at least 2 people have accepted the Lord through phone conversations. One elderly man whose daughter attends our church accepted Christ just before he passed away. This is someone we have prayed for for years. Also, the father of one of our teenage bus girls recently accepted Christ and is being discipled. He is wanting to be baptized as soon as he can. Please pray that our people will continue to be salt and light where God has placed them.

## Family Update

We were privileged to help in our church's VBS in July. This is the first time we've helped in a VBS in America in many years, and we praise God that 2 children made professions of faith. We have been able to visit several of our supporting church in OH and VA, and will be in NC, GA, and FL in the coming months. Please contact us if you would like us to come by your church.

We love you all in the Lord and are eternally grateful for your prayers and financial support!

Rejoicing in Him,

**Robert & Sara Stover and Family**



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