

# THE STOVER FAMILY

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MISSIONARIES TO PERU



I am encouraged to know that God desires to do His will here on earth. Matthew 6:10 states, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." It is amazing to me to think of God's perfect will being done completely in heaven every day, all the time. Imagine the glory, the praise, the adoration, the obedience, and the very presence of God that is in heaven. May we pray for God's will to be done here on earth and that He would be glorified, praised, worshipped, adored, and that His presence would permeate our hearts and lives. He is worthy!



## Church Update

The pandemic restrictions are constantly changing, but we are thankful that since mid-April we have been able to hold in-person church services again at 20% capacity, which translates to 20 people. We livestream the services also for those unable to be present. It has been difficult to not have everyone together, but we have begun small-group Bible studies in four different homes, including ours, on Thursday and Friday nights. Also we have online Bible Institute classes Monday and Tuesday nights. Please pray for God to give our people a hunger and thirst to know Him and His Word.

## Holy Week

With increased restrictions, we were not able to have in-person services for Easter Sunday. However, throughout Easter weekend we were able to hold a virtual evangelistic conference. The Lord gave liberty to teach and preach, and a good number of people tuned in. Please pray for God to give spiritual increase in the hearts of the people who participated and heard the Gospel preached.

## Political Situation

It would seem that we have come to a crossroads here in Peru. For approximately the last 20 years, Peru has enjoyed relatively peaceful conditions both politically and economically, though corruption has always been a problem. The president elected in 2016 resigned due to a corruption scandal. Primaries held April 11 left two candidates for the June 6 run-off- neither being ones supported by the majority of Christians here. One is a woman whose father was involved in corruption and scandals in the 1990s. The other has ties to the socialist/ Communist party. According to recent polls, the socialist candidate is leading by double digits. Please pray earnestly that

the Lord's will would be done.

If the socialist candidate is elected, it would very possibly mean many changes for believers here in Peru as well as for Americans living in the country. God is able!

## Ministry in Viñani

Although the restrictions have lifted somewhat, there is still much fear concerning Covid-19. The numbers in Peru have worsened, and recent days have seen the highest mortality rate yet. It seems the strain now being spread is much more virulent. We have been able to visit in Viñani, and ask for prayer for the salvation of the families of our young people there. Fear of Covid and death has given us several wonderful opportunities to witness to others with whom we have come into contact. Please pray for fruit from these opportunities!

Our family is doing well, and we are thankful that God has kept us healthy and has allowed the children to advance along on their schoolwork. Please pray as we work to advance as well on our visa paperwork in the coming months, so that we might keep things up to date.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. You are a vital part of our ministry here in Peru!

Thankful for the privilege to serve,  
**Robert & Sara Stover and Family**



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