

# THE STOVER FAMILY

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MISSIONARIES TO PERU



What a joy it is to greet you once again as we rejoice in the Christ of Christmas! It is important to live as the wise men teach us in Matthew 2:2b, "...for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." May we truly worship the Lord Jesus Christ during this Christmas and the whole year long. With Jesus as the goal, we can glorify Him with our lives.



## Prayer Requests:

-God has provided the money for the purchase of a piece of land for the church plant. We are waiting for the owner to be able to travel here to complete the purchase. Thank you to those who have given. Please pray that we will be able to complete this without complications.

-Please pray for **Francisco**, a friend whose business we have frequented during our time here. He has been more and more open to the things of the Lord in the past few weeks. Please pray for his salvation.

-Please pray for things to advance on our visa renewals.

## Missions Conference

We were able to have our Missions Conference in November, with three missionaries presenting their ministries. We hope to be able to begin supporting several new missionaries in the coming year. The conference was a great blessing, and we pray God would continue to touch hearts to pray, give, and go to share the Gospel.

## Sickness

Immediately following the conference, Sara began to feel sick, and through the second half of November and on into December all nine of us passed through Covid. We are so thankful that we were able to manage symptoms at home. Different people in the church brought meals and groceries, and we so appreciate those who prayed for us and messaged to check on us. Covid cases have increased here, and probably will continue to do so through the New Year, due to more folks getting together through the holidays. Peru has recently established new mandates, requiring people to be fully vaccinated to enter different places, including: stores, banks, and according to the mandate—churches. Please pray for wisdom for Pastor Henry and I as we navigate these new challenges through the coming weeks and months.

## Upcoming Events

Some of our planned Christmas activities have had to be somewhat streamlined because of our weeks of quarantine, but we still look forward to a special Christmas song service December 22. There have been several visitors who have come these past few weeks, and we are praying many hearts will be touched and souls saved. Because of the vaccine mandate, we are now allowed to have up to 80% of the building capacity, which basically takes away our need to have people sign-up to attend. We still have several families who are waiting for the land borders to open, so that they can return to Peru. We are thankful to be able to broadcast services online to reach those who cannot attend in person.

## Praises:

-We have been able to re-start our kids club in the area of the future church plant with good attendance. Please pray as we work to get ready for VBS and teen activities this summer.

-5 young people followed the Lord in believer's baptism in the cold Pacific Ocean on December 8. It was a blessed day for our church, and we pray they will each continue to grow and walk closely with the Lord.

May the Lord bless you and your family with a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are so grateful for your prayers and financial support. You are a blessing to our family and the ministry here in Peru.

Rejoicing in the Christ of Christmas,

**Robert & Sara Stover and Family**

