



To all our dear friends, family, and ministry partners, we wanted to provide an update and provide specific prayer requests for the mission in Peru. The government has just announced that the Apurímac district, where the village of Curahausi is located, will enter into another 30 day period of quarantine with restricted hours. The numbers continue to rise and the authorities feel this decision is the best option to help protect the people. According to the official statistics Peru ranks number 7 on the list of countries with the most confirmed cases of the corona virus. There are now over 400,000 confirmed cases with over 19,000 deaths that are being linked to the virus. From March 16th until the end of June, the whole country was in a strict lockdown. Streets were filled with police and military daily to enforce the rules. Children under 14 and anyone over 65, however, are still not allowed to go out of their house. Children recently were given permission to leave the house for up to 1 hour a day, but they can go no further than 500 meters from their house. Sadly, cases in the Apurimac district are continuing to rise. There is a huge food shortage and the few hospitals do not have enough beds, enough ventilators, enough oxygen and personnel. Peru, as with the rest of the world, needs your prayers during this desperate time.

We praise God as the Peru mission team received special permission in the last couple of months to travel almost two hours to buy food in bulk, package the food, and deliver to families in remote villages. Our HOPE was to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to each family. Many of these families the team initially visited were the homes of the Project Hope youth. While visiting many of them, the Peru team reported that they had been overwhelmed by the great needs and struggles the families shared with them during their visits. The 100+ days of quarantine has caused major economic impacts on these families.

Please continue to pray for one family in particular who has struggled for years. Many of you have prayed for a young teenage girl where her parents were trying to sell her. Unfortunately, indigenous Peruvians are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking. The Rooted In Grace & Love team has been working with this family for some time to help them to understand and find ways to keep their sixteen year-old daughter safe. God has been so faithful and food and supplies have been provided continuously - even in the midst of the pandemic. The young girl, full of tears of joy when seeing the team shared that she is now taking online classes to further her education...

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10



As the team left her, she was very emotional, but what they recognized and described as being emotionally overwhelmed from the LOVE that has been poured out on her and her family. Our prayer is that at that moment, she saw and experienced the LOVE of JESUS, the only REDEEMER and Savior of the world. Praise God for this amazing team, for their servant hearts to make JESUS known. Lord, we give you all the GLORY as you continue to work in the lives of the Peruvian people and all over the world.

Each week the team continues to try to minister in areas where people are immersed in alcoholism, children are severely malnourished, and where school is nonexistent because they do not have access to radios, internet, and cell phones. Pray as the people hear the Good News. **Pray intentionally for many to put their trust and faith in Jesus.**

With the extended quarantine just being announced and the rising cases, the team is currently facing many challenges in trying to travel. They are anticipating possible roads closures and village access points being chained up with "do not enter" signs. With lack of knowledge and limited communication, theories and assumptions are being made on how the virus can spread. The fear levels are growing rapidly amongst the people and some doors are being closed. **We ask that you pray for the safety of our team as they work alongside the guidelines and approvals they have received to minister from local authorities. We need your prayers for the urgent spread of the gospel in these difficult to reach areas.** Pray also for many who have lost loved ones and as the country faces many challenges of limited medical supplies.

With all the challenges and struggles that we all are facing, we still see God working in amazing ways. He has equipped this team to minister and reach areas that to many would seem impossible. Many prayers of salvation have been prayed and our hope is to continue to minister and disciple the new believers. God is so faithful, He is our rock...and none of this (the pandemic) is by accident. He is in control and we want to seek Him for guidance and His leading each and every day.

Please continue to lift our family up in prayer. We desperately want to return to Peru but the international borders are still closed. In June, we were finally able to submit our documents for new passports as the US government announced the opening of the US passport agencies. We have been told due to the closures for months, receiving our passports may take time. During this stateside time, we not only have been blessed working remotely with our brothers and sisters in Peru and seeing God work through their lives, but also from the Lord opening up doors for us to teach weekly Bible studies here in the States.

We will continue to provide updates of the continued outreach efforts in Peru. Pray for the Peru team daily. Pray as they are trying to get more Bibles to distribute from Lima. Pray for the Lord to lead and direct our mission board and our ministry efforts in the coming months.

May God bless you all~

*The Heath Family*

**Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement during these very trying times.**



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