



To all our friends, ministry partners, and prayer warriors, as the board members of Rooted in Grace & Love, we wanted to provide an update for the mission in Peru. We want to thank you for praying, encouraging, and supporting the mission over the past nine years. As many of you know, Peru closed their international borders on March 15, and has remained on lock down. No one is really sure how long this pandemic will last, but we know that God is sovereign and has a plan. On April 19, 2020, the Lord provided an opportunity through the U.S. Embassy in a repatriation flight to help the Heath Family return safely to the U.S. With COVID-19 shutting down many countries, the U.S. government has now helped over 10,000 Americans to leave Peru and return to the United States. This was a very difficult decision for the Heath Family and for the board members of Rooted In Grace & Love as our HOPE and MISSION is to be able to minister to the people in Peru. We realized that the Heath Family had lost three of their passports on their flights to Peru and they were not able to legally travel. We praise God as the Embassy was able to issue them emergency passports and other legal documents needed to travel safely to the Peruvian airport and to return to the States.

Since returning home, the Rooted In Grace & Love mission board has been prayerfully seeking God's will and direction. We just received news that the President of Peru has issued an extension of the quarantine and is implementing a four phase plan to reopen over the next four months. Based on this current plan, international borders may not open for our mission teams and our missionaries to return for possibly several more months. During this time, we will be continuing to provide and equip our Peruvian brothers and sisters for the mission work. For the past six years, the Heath Family has worked closely with the locals to reach new areas for the Gospel, to disciple, to feed, and to train laymen pastors in surrounding villages. The amazing team in Peru also helped feed and disciple 180 youth five days a week for Project Hope in 2019. With the President closing down school gatherings in Peru for 2020, we feel God is now leading our team to minister to these youth and others during this very difficult time. Our HOPE is to reach them where they are. Please pray as we are receiving permissions from the authorities to distribute food, supplies, and to continue to advance the Gospel to the students in Project Hope and to families in desperate need in the midst of this pandemic.





The people of Peru have been greatly impacted by the economic crisis with food shortages and rising prices. For the next few months, the team in Peru will prepare food, collect supplies, and deliver them to families directly in their homes (all within a three hour radius of Curahausi). Transportation is still restricted at this time in the country, but we are seeking all necessary permissions and documentations to be able to travel by vehicles to reach the people. Our HOPE is to GO and preach the GOSPEL - to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray for souls to be saved and for many to come to know the saving power of Jesus Christ. We also need your prayers as devastating reports show that during this quarantine period, domestic violence cases have drastically increased, including rape reports with women and children in their own homes.



Due to COVID-19, our mission looks a little different during this unusual time. Just like the rest of the world is having to work in new and different ways, we too are adjusting. We are doing our best to continue to minister to the people we have loved on and cared for over the last nine years. We are keeping in close contact with the locals and pastors, we are understanding their needs and working to get the resources to them. We are working virtually with our Peruvian team to help teach and assist them so they can help these families as quickly as possible. We are also prayerfully considering other emergency ministry needs that may arise during this time as the team in Peru travels to these remote areas.

Please pray each day for the team in Peru. Please also pray for the Heath Family as they hope to return as soon as the international borders reopen. Pray as they work with the team in Peru to help pray, disciple/teach through online conferencing, and provide the Peru team and laymen pastors with the resources they need.

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

“I HAVE SAID THESE THINGS TO YOU, THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION. BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.” JOHN 16:33

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