



### **STATE OF EMERGENCY CONTINUES IN PERU:**

The country of Peru continues to struggle from the ongoing effects of the worldwide pandemic. The government of Peru has mandated strict quarantine measures for most areas, leaving families in extreme poverty and unable to work. The village of Curahuasi is facing massive infections of COVID-19. Hospital beds and medical care are extremely limited as the death rates continue to rise. Many people in the villages are so afraid of the disease with very limited knowledge of how the disease is spread and having little to no access to the internet or resources to educate them. It is a heartbreaking situation as many people are so afraid of this disease, that when individuals test positive or show symptoms, these individuals are being mistreated and in many cases shunned by family and friends. As difficult as it is, the Lord is forever faithful. For a second time Rooted in Grace & Love has received special permissions to deliver food and supplies to families in need as public transportation has come to a halt.

Throughout this past year, hundreds of families have been reached by our missionary team. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is being shared in mighty ways from village to village. Such is the case for a family of five, who live in desperate poverty, to the point where the father and mother have to sleep on the cold, dirt floors with their children. This family arrived back to the village of Curahuasi a few months ago from Lima, after escaping the great crisis and massive protests that is destroying the capital of Peru. Once the family returned and tried to settle and feel safe, the virus struck their home. This family, despite being marginalized by new neighbors for carrying the virus, decided to give their lives to Christ and start a new life with Him. This is the case with many other families in Curahuasi and in the surrounding villages. As more and more families are being reached and individuals are giving their lives to Christ, we are working hard to disciple them and provide resources to help them grow in their faith.





As the team travels to the homes, their hearts are broken daily as they see many young single mothers who have been abandoned and left to raise two, three, or more children, with little to no income or food. The fathers have left them and are taking no responsibility to care for their children. The ongoing hardships have driven many men to extreme depression being unable to work, opening doors for them to seek worldly pleasures such as alcohol and drugs to help them try to face another day. Many of these single mothers are in great pain and are angry over their situation. This has led to physical and mental abuse as these mothers are taking their hostility out on their children. But, praise God, when some mothers have heard the Word of God, they felt peace and joy, and in these moments, they have given their lives to Christ.

#### **HOW TO BE INVOLVED BY GIVING AND PRAYING:**

We want to share our hearts filled full with absolute thankfulness for all the prayers lifted up for the mission in Peru. We have a HUGE task ahead of us for 2021 as we HOPE to reach over **6,000 individuals** with the Good News of JESUS CHRIST. Each month our team will travel from village to village, from one home to the next, delivering sacks of food and supplies to families in desperate situations both physically and spiritually. Each sack packaged for ONE FAMILY is filled with \$50 of non-perishable food and other special items needed (medical, clothing, and school supplies). ***The most important thing we provide is the GOOD NEWS of our only HOPE and Savior of the world, JESUS CHRIST.***

**Please lift PROJECT HOPE up daily in your prayers.**

- Pray for the protection and health of the missionaries.
- Pray for many to put their FAITH and HOPE in JESUS.
- Pray for the single moms who are fighting for their children every day.

**We truly covet your prayers and support as we face challenges and difficulties amidst this worldwide pandemic. For more information on how you can get involved or give financially to support Project Hope, please visit our website @ [www.rootedingraceandlove.org](http://www.rootedingraceandlove.org).**



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