

Dear Family and Friends,

The last couple of months have seen us transitioning back into a normal type ministry. We have stopped doing the food donations as many people have been able to return to work. Perhaps this would be a great time to give God the praise and thank you for your prayers and support during the horrible Peruvian quarantine. God provided above and beyond our normal support for these donations which allowed us to buy and distribute over \$3200 worth of food. These donations opened the door for us to visit the people freely during the strict lockdown. We used the opportunity to spread the gospel and encourage believers. So thank you very much to those that gave money to buy the donations.

That being said, we are glad to be getting back into a somewhat normal routine. We have started a Saturday night Bible study in our house. It is illegal still to do that so please pray for us. The attendance is up and down. That is probably the biggest downside of the quarantine. I really fear that the brothers have become accustomed to not meeting and they seem to view an in-house meeting as something of less importance than in the church building and so many are just waiting for the church building to be unlocked again. (I hope I am wrong). The sad thing is that it has been almost exactly 8 months like this. Eight months without permission to meet and 8 months that most of the believers have not met. I'm talking specifically of the church where we meet and help out here in Arequipa. Please pray for the church here that the brothers will start meeting in houses. As of tomorrow the churches can open up for baptisms, weddings, and funerals. The attendance cannot be in excess of 30%. Preaching, singing, and the Lord's supper are not allowed under any circumstances. This will at least continue until the end of November. However, I have my doubts that December will be any different.

We are looking at starting up the Bible study in Uchumayo again. Please pray for wisdom and God's protection for this also. The fines aren't real high, but \$100-\$130 a person is a lot for many Peruvians.

This last week we made a quick 2 night trip to Colca Canyon to visit the church in Pinchollo and to visit the brothers scattered near Tapay. The brothers in Pinchollo are continuing strong and are meeting regularly despite the prohibition to do so. Ubaldo (88 years old) in Paclla is taking the Word to a group of older neighbors. Procarpio and Aureliana in Puquios have not been meeting with other believers and Procarpio seems to be falling back into the trap of alcohol. He was hospitalized and almost died in 2018 because of drinking too much. Godofredo and Maruja in Tapay are doing fine. However, Maruja is suffering from a little bit of anxiety over covid. They run a real nice tourist hotel and restaurant and have been out of business for 8 months. Thankfully all these families in Colca have their gardens and agricultural plots so they did have plenty to eat.

As far as rules go, Peru seems to think that driving my personal car on Sunday will give me covid, but I am safe in public transportation but prohibited from driving my car. Curfew from 11pm to 4am remains in effect. If I'm correct, kids still are not allowed out of the house for more than 30 minutes a day.

Family barbecues and birthday parties can only be celebrated by the people that live in the house; no visiting Grandma and Grandpa or your cousins. And of course, absolutely no religious preaching services, hymn singing, or communion services allowed. God never promised that being a Christian would be easy. Jesus himself warned us that we would suffer. May God keep us faithful to the end.

Finish Strong,
Jeff and Angela Anderson
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