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**In This Newsletter**

Often we forget that while things are returning back to "normal" for us, others around the world are still facing many challenges due to the global pandemic.

In our last newsletter we highlighted many of our European field. This month we want to share about what God is doing through our missionaries in Latin America. We hope that these stories from Peru and Brazil will be an encouragement to you. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!

Chuck Mathias, Executive Director

- Please Pray for:
- Our missionaries serving in Latin America
- Elections in Peru
- Our missionaries around the world as they deal with challenges and restrictions due to the global pandemic.

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# A Certain God In Uncertain Times

Jeff and Angela Anderson - Peru

*As I write this, the votes are being counted in a very close election in Peru. Jeff talks about this in his latest update...*

"Restrictions continue here in Peru. But we thank the Lord for His provision, stability, and guidance in our lives and in His work. Please pray for the believers here in Peru. Thirteen months of economy-killing restrictions has caused the Peruvian Sol (currency) to lose value at a pretty steady rate. This of course means that what was sufficient a year ago doesn't quite cut it now. We also recently had presidential and congressional elections. There wasn't a clear winner and so the top two

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finishers go head-to-head in a second election which takes place in May, I believe. The choice is between an unknown communist and a known daughter of one of the more corrupt and crooked presidents that Peru has had. A real lose-lose situation. That being said there was some good news in the election. The party of the Peruvian antichrist lost all of its congressional seats after being the majority party for a year. But our hope is not in governments. Our hope is in the God of our salvation, our rock and shield, Jesus the Christ."

## On Task To Return

Amber Finney, Peru

*Last year Amber's nine month internship was unexpectedly extended to 18 months because of the lockdown in Peru. In the midst of those challenges, Amber felt called to Peru as a TBM missionary. Currently, she is raising support to return.*

"I'm not going to be in the USA for long, I hope to get back to Tarapoto full time for January next year. Please be in prayer for me as I am on deputation. I am currently living in Kansas with my mom, and I'm learning how to do a little home restoration..... I am contacting churches and people to join my team. Church

planting is so important, especially now as we see Biblically prophetic events unfold. There's no time like the present to be evangelistic and truth bearing. We need to invest into others so that they can discern truth for themselves. Let's be bold so that others will be bold, even in the face of certain persecution."



## Center of His Will

Paulo & Janis Alencar, Brazil

*The Alencars do ministry in one of the most dangerous cities in the world. They often work with people who are hurt and hopeless.*

"God is good and there isn't a better place to be than in the center of His will.

In our last letter we asked you to pray for a friend who had been a drug dealer. He is encouraging the teenagers to turn away from drugs. As a result of this effort, we are meeting with 80 young people and challenging them to choose Christ and to turn away from bad choices, such as selling drugs.

There are twelve women at the rehabilitation home and there are twenty-two men at the men's rehabilitation home. It is rewarding to see a few who demonstrate a genuine hunger for the Word.

In spite of such difficult times, our expectation for 2021 is to be a blessing in the lives of people around us and make the most of the opportunities God gives us, bringing joy to the joyless, hope to the hopeless and comfort to those who hurt in our church family and in our community."



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## Restrictions Causing Changes

Delwin and Techy Fowler, Peru

*In his latest update, Delwin explains how ministry has changed because of the global pandemic. He reminds us how important it is to pray for our missionaries as they redefine what ministry looks like in light of present challenges.*

"The curfew has changed our lifestyle...it seems to have changed the spiritual interest of the people. You know everyone has thought about life and death but very few seem to be thinking about a daily commitment to God and HIS WORD. We have been unable to be together much, but we try to take

advantage of every opportunity. We can have a family over and then pray and read the Bible with them. The sermon still gets posted on Facebook live and there is some interest there, but it is different preaching to the computer.

Please pray for wisdom in strategies in ministry, togetherness as a family, wisdom in counseling during some serious situations that have come to our attention with some church members, and the challenges of dealing with all the covid restrictions."

## About the Master's Business

Skip and Betty Harkins, Brazil

*Skip and Betty are an example of faithful service in light of health issues and various challenges in ministry.*

"Time is flying by. Seems like not enough hours in the day anymore to do what needs to be done. We would like to be about the Master's business. However, there are so many restrictions in what we can do anymore.

Skip is about the same, and his speech improves a little once in a while. His Portuguese is very slow to return. He is very anxious to talk but just can't make it come out. He reads his Bible all day most days at intervals and prays. He makes a sign that he is praying and doesn't want to be interrupted. Dr. Humberto says he is doing good although handicapped on the left side. He says continue with speech therapy two days a week, and I do his exercises now that the therapist has gone back to Bible School, but we are making out.

Our ladies' visitation program is on hold for the time being. We are having services in the unfinished new building because of the distance factor, following the requirements recommended. I am still helping out at the church wherever needed and am glad I can still have a ministry.

We had four baptized in January. Our prayer ministry has blossomed and we have seen spiritual growth in the lives of the members.

We are still in partial lockdown and people are afraid to come to church activities, so we are limited in what we can do but continue doing our best to win others to Christ.

Praise God for our health and protection of all of us. Praise that our needs are met at this time when inflation is on the rampage again here, and things just go up from one day to the next. Pray for our people to remain faithful in this crisis."