March 7, 2025 Dear Family and Friends,

In my last update, I mentioned my quick trip to the US. I was able to quickly renew my Wyoming DL. I was also able to visit 4 supporting churches over the two Sundays that I was there. I also had the pleasure of bringing my parents back to Peru with me at the end of January. We really enjoyed having them as it was the first time since our wedding back in 2017 that they could come for a visit. They handled the altitude very well on our trips to Las Salinas, Colca, and Puno. They also were able to experience the Rosario, Uchumayo Bible study and get to know the people there. On our trip to Puno we visited the Juliaca church. Since it was my birthday that Sunday, they had cake and then served us a "fiambre," which is a special Juliaca style lunch. You just reach in with your hand and take what you want. (See the photo). Although we were unable to make it to Cusco and the famous Machu Picchu, we did see some very impressive Inca and pre-Inca architecture in Colca and Puno. It was really very impressive and made me think of the lost technology that they used in creating those walls and buildings. Three questions always remained: **How** did they do it, Why did they do it, and Who were they? And those thoughts took me back to



An outing with our parents.

Fiambre in Juliaca.



Genesis where we find the story of an even more incredible act of creation. God Himself created everything: time, energy, matter, light, life, etc. out of nothing by the power of His word. Genesis gives us the method, the **How** of creation, along with the **Who** of creation. God did it by His Word. But **Why**? The more that one reads the Bible, the more the **Why** begins to stand out. We are created in His image which at least in part means that we have the capacity to communicate with Him and have fellowship with Him. That was so important to

God that when sin and death entered the world, God sent His Son, Jesus, to reconcile us to Him through His death on the cross. And then in Revelation 21:3 we read, And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. God made us to have fellowship with Him, reconciled us back to Himself because of our sin, and promises an eternity of perfect fellowship with Him in a new heaven and a new earth.

Finish Strong, Jeff and Angela Anderson

Check out our webpage (<u>Arequipa</u> <u>Project</u>) with Tentmakers for support information and/or to view past updates and videos.



In Lima.

Dad helping Max in English.







Trip to Puno and Colca Canyon