



**Two Months In:**



We have been in Perú for a little over two months now. We are still in the process of getting settled in. One of the first steps is getting all of the legal paperwork done.



In the beginning of February we took a trip to Lima to get Allyson's international background check. We needed this for her Residency Card. Good news: she's not a criminal!

We now have our Peruvian marriage license and have turned everything in for Allyson's residency. Now as far as paperwork goes, we just need to get the boys their Peruvian IDs and Passports.



One of the things we had been praying for is a place to call home. The very first place we looked at ended up being a perfect fit for our family. We feel so blessed that the Lord provided this space for us. It is on the first floor, it's close to family and even has a little private patio space for the boys to play.



Comunidad Bíblica hosted an event that they call 'Gran Cena'. It is an evangelistic event where they invite neighbors for a dinner and share the Gospel. We were not able to be very involved with the planning this year, but Marcos was in charge of a table. It was very special because a neighbor that he grew up with was at his table. His name is Henry and he professed faith in Christ for the first time! Please pray for him to attend church so that he can be discipled. A total of 19 people professed to have placed their faith in Jesus. Praise the Lord! Please pray for all of these people. The church is working to follow up and begin discipleship with each of them.



There have been hard parts to the transition as well. The first month was very challenging. Especially for Judah and me (Allyson). Spanish has been frustrating for Judah. He understands for the most part, but he is not able to formulate thoughts the same way he can in English. He will learn fast, but it has been hard watching him struggle. He also misses his friends, family and church in Texas. But he has finally stopped calling Peru 'bad' and asking to go home every day, so count the little victories!



For me it has been difficult to adjust to just how different the culture is.

Shopping has been especially challenging. You never really know when shops will be open or if they will have what you need so everything just takes much longer than expected.

Living in a place where you don't fully speak the language is very humbling to say the least. I feel a bit like a toddler when trying to speak with people.

But comparing the first week with where I am now, I do feel way more comfortable navigating and communicating by myself than I did at the beginning.

### **Near Future Plans**

To continue the process of adjusting, there are a few steps we need to take. First is getting a Spanish tutor for Allyson. We think this will speed up the process of language learning.

We will also begin looking for a car soon. There is a lot that will go into that decision. For example, we will need a vehicle that is all terrain and large enough to fit people/stuff for trips to smaller villages. But not so big that it makes it impossible to navigate through the city.

There is a village about an hour away that we would love to visit. We already have one connection there. We feel this could be a potential lead on a place to start a church plant, so we are excited to go and learn more about it.

### **Praise and Prayer**

- Praise for our apartment that is exactly what we were looking for
- Praise for those saved at the Gran Cena; please pray for their spiritual growth
- Pray for the boys to continue to adapt and especially for Judah to pick up Spanish quickly
- Pray that God would provide the right vehicle and that we would have wisdom as we decide what to buy
- For us to find a good Spanish tutor for Allyson
- Pray for wisdom and God's guidance as we figure out where He wants us to go long term

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**Just For Fun:**



lunch with grandpa



everyone that came to the Gran Cena



a couple kiddos that are patiently waiting for breakfast



Sometimes we have tarantulas outside our door...they have made it inside a couple times.



Tiago being spoiled by his grandma and great grandma



The boys love when it rains