

THE FOWLERS ON THE FIELD



Maria loving her mango!



Maria with her mom, grandma, great grandma, and great-great grandma!



Visiting the monastery in Arequipa.

Catching Up

Hello from Peru! These past few months have been full of so many changes for our family! Our last months in the States were so wonderful, and we really enjoyed the time we spent with loved ones. We made it to Tarapoto safely on March 25th with a very smooth trip the whole way! We were so thankful for all of the prayers. Since we've been here, a lot of what we've been working on is paperwork. We got Maria's Peruvian ID, registered our marriage in Peru, and got my Interpol interview done. For the Interpol interview we had to go to Arequipa and that was such a blessing! It was amazing to see another part of Peru that is so different from Tarapoto. Just a few days before our trip to Arequipa we had gone to a village called Alto Shambuyacu with the church to put on a Kids' Club program. It was a stark contrast between Arequipa and Alto Shambuyaku, and visiting both gave me a deeper understanding of Peruvian culture, catholicism in Peru, and the diversity of this country. On our way back from Arequipa we spent a few days in Lima with family there, and that was also a huge blessing to us.

Since then, we have spent our time settling into our apartment and some of the ministries that we will be a part of. Lucas and I are serving in the Adoloscetes group (youth group), bringing snacks, coming up with games, and teaching. Lucas has also been attending the pastoral/elder meetings and has helped on the doctrinal statement, church constitution, and philosophy of ministry. Josh and Charity (another missionary couple here in Peru) had a group from their church come for 10 days and we were able to help with some of what they came for as well! Lucas joined them on a number of trips to villages where they put on Kids' Clubs to share the Gospel. He was also able to help translate as they shared stories, skits, and also taught sermons at the CBT.

As for me, I've mostly been getting used to life as a mother. Finding a routine with Maria has been a huge learning curve and I am thankful for the grace and patience God has given both Lucas and me. Recently I began going to the gym in the morning and it has been a good addition to our mornings, with Maria getting used to me being gone for a little bit and me having a little time to do things I enjoy. My Spanish has been improving and we hopefully found a tutor that we will be able to start with soon!

Maria is ever growing and growing! She got her first tooth in the first week we were here and she got her second soon after. She started walking just a few weeks ago, right before her 11 month mark. She has LOVED Peru! She sleeps better in the heat than she did in the airconditioned homes in the States, she loves riding in mototaxis, playing in the rain and mud, and she is loving the food here! Her favorite are the huge mangoes from the coast called _____. She loves her grandparents, her great grandparents, her Aunt Jenni, and also enjoying having cousins being close by.

What's Next

In July, Lucas will begin working into the preaching schedule. He will start preaching on some Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and for Bible study on Friday nights. As I mentioned before, I will also plan to begin my tutoring to learn Spanish more intentionally.

In July there are a number of holidays here in Peru meaning a few long weekends. One of those will be Family Camp with the church which is one of my favorite church activities in the year! As a church body we camp out by a lake and enjoy time hearing about the Word of God, playing games as families, and getting to know other believers better.

Hopefully in the coming months we will also be able to spend more time with people outside of church, inviting them over to dinner, to watch soccer games, or just to hang out. It's been fun to get to know the church family more and I look forward to the day when language will no longer be a barrier!

Thank you all so much for your time, prayers, and support. We have felt so much love these past few months and are excited to see how God will continue the work.



Family picture in Alto Shambuyacu.

Riding in a mototaxi!



Out for dinner with family in Lima!



Alto Shambuyacu with her great grandma!



Lucas sharing the "wordless book" at the orphanage.

Lucas translating at Adoloscetes.



Please be Praying

- that we are able to connect to the members of the church and establish deep and meaningful relationships with them
- that we are an encouragement and blessing to the other missionaries and ministry leaders around us
- that both Lucas and I would be purposeful in our daily walk with the Lord in prayer and study of His Word
- that God would be preparing us for the young couples group that we plan to start by the end of the year
- for my mom's continued cancer treatment and the good results that have been following
- that Lucas would be diligent with studying and preparing sermons as he begins teaching some weeks
- that we would be loving and Godly parents to Maria