

Peru Report!



SHORT-TERM TRIPS—LONG-TERM RESULTS—

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2020 Missions Update

WE WERE STOPPED AT THE TICKET COUNTER, BUT OUR MINISTRY IN PERU WAS NOT!

We were checking in for our flight to Lima, when the agent informed us that, because our passports were due to expire in four months, we could not board the plane. We did not know that if your passport was within six months of expiration you could not travel to other countries. We could have driven to Hot Springs and been issued a passport on the spot the following day. However, the expense of the rushed passport, travel and lodging were more than we could justify, so we decided to postpone our trip.

God was watching out for us. Had our travel plans not had to change, we might well have been stranded in Peru, as the Peru border was closed March 1. Or, we might have brought COVID-19 home with us.

After prayerful consideration, we decided that though we couldn't go ourselves, our money should. So, we have been helping pastors and churches in Peru with pandemic relief efforts.

This edition of our Peru Newsletter reports on what we've been able to do through our partners in Lima and other areas of Peru

IQUITOS NEEDED HELP!

When we learned from Pastor Steven Chavez that at least fifty pastors in the jungle at Iquitos were infected with COVID-19, and people were starving because the entire state had shut down, we had to do something. Working with Pastor Steven, we sent the first of several financial gifts to Peru to help. With his coordination and your financial support



we were able to provide needed food and medicine to Iquitos.

Through additional support gifts, Pastor Steven and his wife, Soledad, also provided

relief in Lima and other parts of the nation as well. We continued to provide support to their work, and they report not only are people receiving food, clothing and medicine, but through the love of Jesus they are demonstrating many are coming to Christ!



HELPING WHERE WE CAN

Pastors Jose and Raquel Vicente' and Emanuel Bible Church Zarate' were reaching out to their community, but with a complete



shutdown of the city due to the pandemic, their finances were limited. We reached out to them to learn how we could help after we learned of their circumstances. And, we were able to provide financial support for the work they



were doing in the very poor areas of Lima.

Their outreach ministry to the community, *Servipasion*, was providing food, clothing and medical support, and we wanted to be a part of that. Then, Both Pastors Jose' and Raquel contracted coronavirus, and they were in isolation for two weeks. Meanwhile, however, thanks to their strong leadership team, the church continued to minister through *Servipasion*, As a result, many people found Jesus Christ through the loving care demonstrated by Emanuel.

On behalf of Emanuel Bible Church and all those your helped, **Thank you!**

- Other Ministries we helped included Punta de Gracia (Point of Grace Church) the Evangelical Church of Christ of Peru, San Martin where Pastor Juan de Dios Huaman is the Sr. Pastor, and La Rocca (The Rock), whose pastor is Jose' Navarro. Though we don't have pictures, we do have videos of some of the work they did with the resources you helped us send.
- We ask for your continued prayers as these and other churches reach out to their communities with the love of Jesus Christ. And, we thank you for helping us make it possible to be a part of what they are doing in His Name.
- If you would like to help these and other churches who are making a difference in Peru, please log on to wlfar.com, click "Give", and designate your gift "Dixons Peru". One hundred percent of your gift will go toward helping our partner churches in Peru.
- We plan to return to Peru when restrictions are lifted and it is safe to do so. Perhaps you can go with us!
- Thank you for your prayers and support. May God richly bless you.