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## MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

**PLANTING CHURCHES  
IN AREQUIPA, PERU**

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**READ THIS LETTER  
AND PRAY!**



### AREQUIPA VISION TRIP

From Texas to Tennessee, Georgia to Pennsylvania, a team from all over the US came to Arequipa on a Vision Trip. What do we mean by Vision Trip? A Vision Trip can have different motives for each participant. There were some people who came to consider long-term ministry in Arequipa. Others wanted a glimpse of how the Lord was at work in a place they weren't familiar with. Still others wanted to see how they might engage their local church in global missions.



*Vision Trip Team*

It was amazing to see this group of people, most of whom had never met one another before, come together to see the progress, need, and potential for ministry here in Arequipa. They were able to get a glimpse of life here in the city by hearing the experiences of some of our church members. We followed this up by walking the streets of various communities and praying out loud pleading for reformation and revitalization. Two of the days were spent helping local ministries around town. After getting a feel for the Peruvian city context, the team headed to the small villages near Colca Canyon, which boasts valleys deeper than the Grand Canyon. Not only were many awakened to the small village life of Peru, but they also saw first-hand the majesty of God's creation.

Although each person came with their own motives, each person walked away changed in some way. What the Lord will do in the life of each participant, only He knows. *Please pray for this team—that the Lord would not let the “short-term trip high” dissipate, but that there would be fruit from it. Perhaps the Lord will call some of them to Arequipa.*



*La Roca's Church Anniversary*

## "LA ROCA" CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

"We need more chairs!" This statement was repeated several times during our church's anniversary Sunday. Marked with decorations, a special lunch, and a youth drama, the event celebrated God's faithfulness in this congregation and 3 years of our families serving at La Roca.

We have seen much growth in the church over the past few years, but one area that is still lacking is Peruvian leadership. *Please pray for the Lord to raise up Peruvian leaders and pastors in La Roca and in many other churches in our denomination.*

## PRESBITERIO DEL SUR (Southern Presbytery)

Earlier this year, we announced that Nathaniel was elected as the President of our Presbytery (group of regional churches). In August, he presided over his first Presbytery meeting. Not only is this a huge honor, but it also opens doors to help shape the future of the Presbytery and denomination. With Nathaniel being ordained in the Peruvian Presbyterian Church (IEPRP), and Nate being ordained in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), we are thankful to have both an internal voice and external voice into the denomination.

Nathaniel will serve in this capacity for the next two years in this very young Presbytery. *Please pray for wisdom, guidance and grace as he leads.*

## MINISTRY VIDEO

Just a few months ago, we shared with you the devastation caused by flooding all over Peru. As a response to that disaster, a short-term mission team (Madison Heights Church, Madison, MS) came down to install water tanks in the homes of several of our church members.

In the link below, you will find a ministry video we have created to give you an idea of the devastation that Peru experienced this year. It also gives you a visual reference for what a short-term team did in Arequipa in July. *Please check out our video and pray—pray for those whose lives have been turned upside-down from the flooding, pray for those who received the water tanks, and pray for our ministry partners who continue to sustain the ministry here in Arequipa through their prayers and financial support.* Link to Video: <http://bit.ly/2f0iMps>



### To-The-Point Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the participants of the Vision Trip. Some are discerning if the Lord is leading them to foreign missions.
2. Join us in praising the Lord for La Roca's anniversary. Pray for Peruvian leadership.
3. Pray for the vision and direction of our Presbytery (group of regional churches).
4. Pray for those still recovering from the flooding and recipients of the water tanks.
5. Continue to pray for Nikki's sister, Lacey, who is battling brain cancer.

