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## MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

### PLANTING CHURCHES IN AREQUIPA, PERU

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### READ THIS LETTER AND PRAY!



“Who are the leaders of the future? Today’s students. The students in the colleges of Arequipa, Peru, are eager and hardworking. They are also searching for truth, purpose, and answers to life’s big questions.”

These words written on the missionary card of our newest teammates, John and Lorena McCall, hone in a huge hole in our mission – university ministry. We have been praying for missionaries to reach the thousands of university students in this major city, and after John and Lorena came to visit Arequipa, we knew that God was answering that prayer.



The McCall’s calling into missions came after 10 years of John working at the University of Virginia directing outdoor adventure programs. John is excited to use his background and experience to serve the Lord by ministering to college students in Arequipa. Lorena has desired to do missions since she was in high school and is thrilled to serve in Peru after having grown up in Latin America. Please join us in prayer for John and Lorena and their three children as they are already deep into the support-raising trail. Support-raising from scratch is one of the most trying seasons of a missionary’s life and they could use all the support, contacts and prayers you can offer them! As the Lord leads, please consider becoming a part of their support team to help get them to Arequipa sooner so that they can help shape future leaders for Christ in Peru.

### Theological Training

When we opened registration for our seminary, Seminario Biblico Reformado (SBR), we set up our classroom expecting 5-6 students.

We expected we might have a few students sign up and then through word of mouth we might have a few more students sign up for our second semester and might eventually



reach 12 students. Today, with one week left in our first semester, we look back to our initial estimates and realize we severely underestimated your prayers and God's provision. After scrambling to get more chairs and slightly smaller tables, we were able to squeeze in 15 students and several on a waiting list! Students have expressed to us how their studies over this semester have already begun to shape them and help them to grow in their walk with Christ. Praise the Lord with us for our first semester.

### Church planting

People love Friday afternoons. The stressful work week is wrapping up and people are finally able to take a load off and talk a little. The reason why *we*, as a church, love Friday afternoons is because we are out in the parks ready and



waiting for that Friday crowd. Each week, a faithful group from our mission church goes out and talks with people on those benches and witness how God uses us to speak his word into the lives of unbelievers. By God's grace, on one of our first outings several months ago, we drew a harvest of one man (we will call him "Hugo"). Hugo's vocabulary was colorful and seemed hostile, but he showed up at church! In the few weeks he has been coming he has already brought two new people who seem even more committed than himself! Please pray for us on Fridays. Not every week *seems* as profitable, and rejection can be pretty discouraging, but every once in a while, God gives us someone like Hugo and we are able to see tangible fruit that gives us great hope!



### To-The-Point Prayer Requests

- Please continue to pray for Nikki's sister, Lacey Madden, who is battling brain cancer. Pray for the Bonhams as they struggle with being far away from family during such a difficult time.
- Please pray for the McCall family as they travel around the US raising support and knocking on doors. Pray that they would raise their support quickly.
- Pray for Seminario Biblico Reformado and for the student body. Pray for the students as they finish the semester and consider whether or not they will continue on in our program.
- Pray for our mission church particularly on Fridays. Pray that God would give us courage to witness and that he would transform people's hearts.
- Please also be in prayer for the Gutierrez family. Nathaniel's oldest sister, Keila, died unexpectedly on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from medical complications. She loved the Lord and was a faithful witness to the end of her life.