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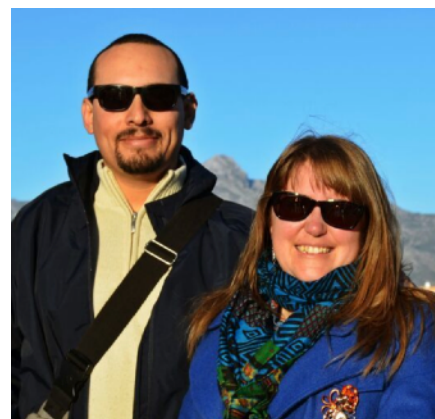
READ THIS LETTER AND PRAY!



We know it has been a little while since you last heard from us! The last few months have been incredibly full and have flown by at an alarming rate... How is it October, already? But have no fear. You can consider this newsletter a “value edition.” Yep, that’s right—three months of missions news in one single newsletter.

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These numbers give you a snapshot about what is going on at the Seminary (Seminario Bíblico Reformado). Just recently, we registered our 100th student into our program. We opened up our newest extension campus in Madrid, Spain, which means we have a total of 4 campuses, and we are present in 3 countries. We are also talking with church leaders about 2 additional campuses in another part of Peru and in Colombia. But, above all, we maintain our vision to serve 1 church. We are excited to see how the Lord is using us through this ministry in ways we never would have dreamed.



*Pastor Renato
(Director of our extension in Spain)*

The Lord is certainly adding to our numbers, but the numbers only tell part of the story. We wish we could share the countless conversations we have had with pastors and lay leaders as they study in SBR. We are about to finish our fourth module of the program (out of a total of seven modules), which means that we have finished half of program with our first class of students. Lord-willing, we will see most of them receive their Certificate of Christian Ministry next August.

Please continue praying for this ministry. Quite honestly, we demand a lot from our students who also have full-time jobs, but they are eager to both learn the Scriptures and serve their local churches. Please let us know if you would like to financially partner with us in the ministry and/or if you are willing to come and teach a 1-2 week intensive class through a translator. We are planning our 2019 academic calendar and we need your help!



Prayer walking the streets of AQP with Christ Church, PCA.

Short-Term Missions Teams

In July we found ourselves busy with short term missions teams from the USA. Our first team to visit was from Christ Church PCA in Katy, Texas. Next up was First Presbyterian Church (PCA) from Chattanooga, Tennessee. These teams came down for a vision trip to see the ministry, culture and daily life here in Arequipa. Between serving at a medical campaign, canvassing local universities, work days in the church, and prayer walking through the streets of Arequipa, it was non-stop cultural immersion. We were also able to visit some villages a few hours out of town and see Colca Canyon—one of the deepest canyons in the world. And of course, we played our traditional Peruvians versus Americans soccer game. For the sake of their dignity, we won't mention the names of the losers of these games.

Finally, we finished July with a team from Trinity PCA in Murfreesboro, Tennessee who hosted and led an English Camp for the community. Being able to speak English is a huge advantage when looking for a job, so the English camp was a huge blessing to the 50 students that participated in the camp. Even more important than learning English, many friendships were forged and stories were shared. We closed off the week with a traditional American Grill Out which was a first for many of the students.



Team from FPC Chattanooga getting ready to help with a medical campaign.



Taking a break from ESL classes offered by Trinity PCA to play a little fútbol.

To-The-Point Prayer Requests

- Pray for Pastor Renato as he directs our newest extension in Madrid, Spain!
- Thank you for praying for Nikki's sister, Lacey, who is battling brain cancer. Your prayers were heard and her treatments are bringing really encouraging results. Even so, the battle continues. Please keep praying!
- Praise for our teammates, the McCall family. They have reached 46%! Please consider supporting them so they can get here sooner and help us. <https://tinyurl.com/JohnandLorena>
- Pray for Seminario Biblico Reformado and for the student body. Many of the students are half-way through the program. Pray for endurance to finish well.
- Please pray for the many difficult situations at Iglesia La Roca which will have us make some very difficult decisions about the church in the near future. Pray for wisdom, clarity, and peace.
- Pray for the two new SBR extensions that are in the works.