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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We are overdue for a prayer update! How the time flies when you are busy! What a wonderful start we've had to 2026! The months of January and February have flown by, as we have been involved in all the summer activities of the church.

We started January with Vacation Bible School. This year was our highest attendance, with more than 300 people on the last day. Many children and parents received Christ, and several were baptized throughout the week. Our theme was "Heaven," and our entire church was decorated with clouds and angels. What an amazing time we had focusing on our kids!

After VBS, we held our camp for teens and young adults for those from the Lima area. We had 10 churches join with us for a swashbuckling adventure with a pirate-themed week of preaching, singing, games, sports, and many decisions for Christ. Our young people had a great time, and several were saved and baptized right there in the pool at the campground. At the end of the week, we held our traditional bonfire, where the campers gave testimony of all the decisions they made for Christ during the preaching services and the devotions in their cabins. Glory to God! Please join us in prayer that our young people would be faithful to Jesus.

We held another camp for young people in Tarapoto. We have been working as a team in this area of the Peruvian jungle for several years, and this is the second camp we have held for the churches there. We sent several of our staff and volunteers from the churches in San Gabriel and Surco, who organized the camp, worked as counselors, and preached and taught. More than 90 campers came, with many salvations, baptisms, and several called to full-time service. We are praying that the Lord will continue to work in this area. We will hold one more camp in Iquitos the second week of March. This will be our last activity of the summer, and we are praying for our workers and for the churches and campers involved.

We held our Youth Conference this summer at the same time as our Fuegos de Evangelismo/Pastors' School Conference. We have published a great video of this event, and you can view it here:

<https://1drv.ms/v/c/d4ee0d4ed54cce8f/IQAoAWbjPHBrSL6OT0BjuzSSAZCFJJNE2DvpYW6RA-OSMvE?e=07CQJX>

We are praying for IBI School. We start our third school year on March 25 (school runs from March to December here). We will have about 35 students who meet for classes at the church, and we believe that we will have between 5 and 10 families that will be joining us as homeschoolers. We are writing our own curriculum, which helps transition students from Spanish to English. Our curriculum, called Diamond Learning, is Bible-based and bilingual. Please pray for this project! We believe it will be of lasting help to families.

Our Bible institute is doing well. This summer we had three different weeks of classes taught by men of God from the United States. We will start the next semester on April 8. We had several graduates and are praying as the Lord directs their next steps.

We are praying for a new church that will be started in Pucallpa by one of our graduates, Rollin Bardales. The opening service will be in April, Lord willing.

Another missionary to Bolivia sent by our team, Gustavo Munoz and his wife Soledad, welcomed twin boys in February. One of the twins is struggling with his health, and they would appreciate prayers as they adjust to having twins and organizing the church ministry.

We would appreciate prayers for our upcoming Easter services! We would also appreciate prayer for the political situation in Peru. Another president was impeached (we have had 9 presidents in 10 years!), and elections will be held on April 12. We covet your prayers that the people of Peru would make the best choice and that the political situation would improve. Perhaps this will seem like a strange prayer request, but we are also praying about the traffic situation here in Lima. It has become very difficult to get from one place to another, and it is a very frustrating experience at times. What used to be a 25-minute trip from home to church/team/school is often one hour or more. This has taken a toll on us from the stress of driving in this type of traffic (if you have experienced Lima traffic, you will understand!) and takes a great deal of time away from more important things.

Our church is growing! We have several new families attending, many new people going through discipleship, and people being baptized almost every week! God is good, and it is a joy to serve here in IBI Surco. Please continue to pray for us, for our workers, for the new families, and for property for our church to grow.

May God richly bless you and keep you,

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