



May 2026



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Praying Friends,

The months of April and May were eventful and exciting months here in Lima, Peru! We are always amazed that God allows us to be part of His great work. We are excited about the growth of the church that we pastor in Surco. We celebrated our 13th anniversary on May 24! The church had purchased 100 new, beautiful, padded folding chairs for the special day. We used all of them, plus all the chairs we already had! Not a single seat was left in the house, and several workers stood for the service. More than 20 people accepted Christ as their personal Saviour that day, and 8 people followed the Lord in believer's baptism.

Also on that day, we announced our new building fund! We, as a church, are asking the Lord for \$200,000 to begin the process of buying land or a building. As of now, we rent a building with slightly more growth possibilities, but not much. (In our area, a property the size we need costs \$1,000,000.) Our people were excited to begin the process, and we are trusting God and working hard to reach our goal.

In April, we celebrated Resurrection Sunday with a delicious pancake breakfast and a special service. Also in April, we held a special day for children, Puppet Day. We filled the church with children, workers, clowns, and, of course, a puppet show! The kids had a great time, and we were able to witness to many parents, with many trusting Christ and some following the Lord in baptism as well.

Also in April, my wife and I drove to Chimbote, about eight hours north of Lima, for a Family Conference in a new church planted by a young missionary couple from Mexico. We enjoyed teaching these precious new converts and helping them to make decisions to strengthen their families. Two couples decided to get married at this conference! This was a great blessing to their pastor.

Elections were held in Peru in April as well. No candidate received enough votes to win the election, so a runoff vote will be held on June 7. Please pray for this election and the continuing political struggles of Peru.

In May, we were able to be a part of the beginning of a new IBI church in Pucallpa, pastored by our team member, Rollin Bardales. Please pray for this new work! It is in a large jungle city. They are looking at a property that they would like to buy, so please pray for that.

Also in May, Team Peru held two Pastors' Schools, one in Chiclayo (north of Lima) and the other in Arequipa (southern Peru). These conferences were a blessing to the host pastors and the other churches in these areas. In each conference, many were saved during the soul-winning time, a total of nearly 20 people surrendered their lives to serve Christ full time, and many other decisions were made for the glory of God. We are humbled to be able to serve the national pastors and other missionaries with these conferences. Please pray, as we will be holding another conference in a place called Las Vegas up near the Ecuador border in July.

Our Ladies' Conference will be held June 26-27. Our ladies are very excited about this event, and several churches are planning on coming and being involved. Please pray that God's will would be done in the lives of our ladies.

IBI School is going great! We have a record attendance this year, with several homeschool families joining around the country. Please pray for our ongoing curriculum development, as we seek to offer a Christ-centered and academically sound instruction for our students.

IBI Institute also has a record enrollment this semester. Even more students from around Peru are joining by way of virtual classes, and we are excited about what God is doing in the lives of our students.

Please pray for us, as we will host 7 different groups during the U.S. summer, ranging from 5 or 6 people to 25. Pray that all will go smoothly with transportation and health issues, as we travel to the jungle and also minister here in Lima with each group. Pray also that the Lord would work in the hearts of the participants and that He would call some of them into His harvest . . . because the harvest truly is plenteous and the laborers few.

His for souls,

Zach and Karin Foust, Sr.

