

# MATSUDA FAMILY

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST MISSIONARIES TO AREQUIPA, PERU

“Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.”  
Philippians 4:17



November, December, and January

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our church, mission and Bible studies
- Our family's spiritual growth
- New believers
- A safer vehicle
- Our financial needs

### Ladies' Meeting



A few of the people from our mission are coming all the way out to our church for the services, classes, or the ladies' meeting (and this is a 1-hour trip for them!). We praise God for using The Bible Baptist Church in Plant City, Florida! Every month they are sending an offering to cover the expenses for renting the building for our mission in Cayma. Please keep praying that God's will would be done in this place.

### Discipleship Class

Every Monday at 6 p.m., we are meeting at church for a discipleship class. It has been exciting to see the willingness of the people to come to this class. Between 20 and 30 people come and participate, and some of our adolescents also come to this class. It is a wonderful time to study God's Word, let the people ask questions, and learn.

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We ask that you please forgive us for not sending our prayer letter sooner. These past few months have been extremely busy!

### The Work in Arequipa

We want to share with you what God has been doing in this city during the past few months.

### November and January Youth Meeting

Praise the Lord, our youth meeting on Saturdays is growing! Between 10 and 15 young people are coming each week, and they are also coming to our services and discipleship classes. We are also having guitar classes with them every Sunday after the evening service, and then taking them to play soccer.

This is a great way to get to know them better and spend time with them. Several of these kids have made professions of faith and we are praying that God will continue to work in their lives.



### Ladies' Meeting

Every Saturday at 10 a.m., we also have our ladies' meeting and my wife is in charge of this program. There are normally between 5 and 10 ladies who come to study God's Word. They are becoming more serious about reading the Bible on a daily basis and have set a goal to finish reading through the New Testament. They have given testimonies on how spending time in God's Word every day has changed their life. Please pray for these ladies – for salvation for those who do not know the Lord, and for growth for those who do know Him.

### Mission in Cayma

The work in Cayma is still going on! Every Tuesday and Thursday evening we are going to the mission and we have a group of between 10 and 20 people coming on a regular basis. A



## Couples' Counseling Class

Every Monday after our discipleship class, we have a couples' counseling class. Between 5 and 7 couples are coming – one of the couples is from our Bible study on Friday evenings, and sometimes a couple will come all the way from Cayma. I was constantly being asked to talk to different couples about their marriage problems, so we decided to start learning how to deal with different issues according to God's Word. It is our prayer and hope that these couples will bring glory to God through their marriages and families.



## Home Bible Studies

Glory to God, every Friday we are meeting in Judith and Miguel's house (a couple who is faithfully attending our church). They asked us to come and preach to their family members and friends and there are always between 20 and 30 people there! During the past 2 weeks, Judith's brother and his wife (Mario and Margot) have asked us to have the Bible study in their home, so we have had the privilege of preaching to a few new people there. There has already been fruit from these Bible studies and a few people have made professions of faith. We are praying that God will continue to work in these people's lives so that they will continue to grow in the Lord, and also so that He will shed His grace on those who do not know Him yet.



## December

During the month of December, my wife's parents were able to come and visit us. They are Independent Baptist missionaries working in the city of Jauja, which is in the mountains of Peru, about 24 hours from here. We had a wonderful time of fellowship together.

We took advantage of the time that they were here, and had a conference with my father-in-law at our church and at our mission in December. We had between 40 and 50 people during the conference in Cayma and they were able to hear the gospel message. We also had a good group of people in our church during the conference and a few made professions of faith, including Mario and Margot. We praise God for this!



We also had a thanksgiving service with the family, remembering all that God has done for us in 2019, and welcomed in 2020 on our knees, leaving this new year in God's hands. It is our desire to continue growing in the Lord this year and to continue serving Him in a way that is pleasing to Him.

During the 3 weeks that my in-laws were here, Bro. Paul Rose accompanied us to the mission and the Bible studies and preached each time. His visit was a great blessing to our church, our mission work, and especially to our family. We ask you to please be praying for Bro. Paul Rose, Sister Celeste, and their ministry here in Peru.

During the month of December, we took a break from the adolescent and ladies' meetings, but we started back up again in the month of January.

## A Safer Vehicle

We want to ask you to pray that the Lord would provide for a bigger and more reliable car for our family and for the work here. The day that I went to pick up my in-laws from the airport, the church mini-van stopped working in the middle of the road. My kids and in-laws, with all of their suitcases, were in the car, and we had to get them home in a taxi.

The biggest scare came when we were taking my in-laws back to the airport for them to catch their plane home. The mini-van caught on fire! We had stopped at a gas station to fill the tank up and when I tried to start the car, there was a spark and the whole back part of the car caught on fire! My entire family was in the car and they got out as fast as they could and started running. Thankfully, there was a fire extinguisher at the gas station, and 3 other people came running from a nearby mechanic shop to help put out the flames. That was such a scary experience, but we are so thankful to the Lord for His protection! Had that happened without any fire extinguishers close by, it could have turned into something much more serious. Since then, we have done different repairs on the mini-van and it is functioning.

We have also hit the rainy season here in Arequipa and there have been very heavy rains and flooding in the city, which makes the roads very unsafe, with huge holes in the roads.

Having a reliable vehicle is a definite need for our ministry. Our mission is an hour away and we going out there twice a week, and sometimes some people from our church go with us. 8 years ago, the Lord provided a 2007 Nissan for our family,



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Church for the love offering in December; to The Bible Baptist Church for covering the rent in Cayma; to the ladies in Brentwood Baptist Church for their special love offering; and for the special love offerings from the Fyffe family. Your love and support are so encouraging!

We are also so thankful to each church, brother, sister, and friend who supports us financially and prayerfully. May our God greatly bless each of you and continue to use you for His glory!

which has been such a blessing to us. We have now grown into a family of 7! 2 years ago, the Lord provided a 1994 mini-van for our church. Both of these vehicles have been used so much for the Lord's work, but the fact is that they are old and unreliable. There have been several times that my family has been stranded on the road, in both vehicles, because of car problems. We are praying about the possibility to purchase a 2015 12-passenger van, which is between \$15,000 and \$18,000 dollars. So far, we have received \$700 dollars towards the car fund. Please help us pray for this need, so that God will provide what He wants and in His time. If God lays it on your heart to help, we will praise the Lord for it!

### Our Family

Glory to God, our family is well. We covet your prayers! We are trying to serve the Lord in every way we can. Every day or evening, we are in church and I am preaching. My wife is teaching the ladies' meeting, as well as a Sunday School class. My oldest son, Andy, is leading the music in our mission work in Cayma, and he is also playing the guitar in our regular church services. My other children are always trying to help in any way they can in church. Please pray so that each of my children will come to trust in the Lord as their Savior, and so that as a family, we can bring glory to His name. If you would also pray for our Spanish program, where I teach Spanish online to missionaries who need to learn the language, so that the Lord would continue to provide students. This is a way to help cover our financial needs, both for my family and in the ministry.

### Thank You!

God has been so good to us in these past months! He is always faithful and provides all of our needs. We want to extend our gratitude to several churches and brethren. We are so thankful to Temple Baptist Church in Florida, for the special love offering during the month of December; to Newby Baptist

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