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The James Kotvas Family Missionaries to Peru, South America and Beyond



Dear Prayer Partners,

God has been so good to us. As we step into a new year, we remember what God has done in our lives throughout 2019. God has given us so many opportunities to make new friends, minister in lives, and marvel at His goodness in our lives. It has not been an easy year, but it has been a blessed year.

So many things could be said but I would like to praise the Lord for two specific highlights.

Elsie Joy - A year ago today, God brought Elsie into our lives. She has been a wonderful blessing to us, and we cherish the opportunity to train her up to follow Jesus.



Deputation- When we returned from Peru, we had one church and one individual who were supporting us. God provided

miraculously for our needs the whole time we were there. This past month three churches voted to support our ministry. We praise God that we are **OVER 17%** of our support.

PAST MONTH

Over the past month we are grateful for the opportunities God has provided at our home church. The pregnancy has kept Ann



on light duty, but we endeavored to take steps to reach out and be a blessing to people. I have been helping some with renovating the auditorium at our church as well as continuing to contact pastors and work on deputation. We are also very excited for the Gospel of John

challenge through which our church is reaching out to the community. It has been a blessing as I read through it myself and meditate on the Deity of Jesus Christ. Just today I had the opportunity to talk to a lady during a flight and share the Gospel with her. She was hungry and needy for the truth of God's Word. Praise God for Divine appointments.

URGENT REQUEST

When Ann contracted the kidney



infection, she was placed on high risk for pre-term labor. Since then there have been challenges with the pregnancy and her doctor to recommend that for her safety and the baby, she should not travel. This changed our plans drastically but with counsel we decided to press forward with as much of our deputation as possible. Instead of cancelling, I went ahead and booked flights to travel by myself to the meetings scheduled for the next month.

Yesterday morning (Wednesday) I left Ann and Elsie in Milwaukee and flew to Pennsylvania to present our ministry. She was doing well when I left, but about half an hour before the service began last night, she had to go to the Emergency Room with pre-term labor (25 weeks). It was hard having everything happen while I was gone, but I glad to be back with her. We are so thankful for our friends and church family how they have cared for her and Elsie. We don't have many answers right now but at this point, the best-case scenario looks like she will be hospitalized for at least three weeks. We cherish your

prayers and are so thankful to know that God is in control. God has truly been so good to us.

Key Prayer Requests

- Wisdom for medical and deputation decisions.
- Strength for Ann.
- Elsie during this time of separation.
- Provision for several needs.
- New Supporting Churches.
- Divine Appointments along the way.







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