

THE STOVER FAMILY

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MISSIONARIES TO PERÚ



Several days ago during our family devotions, I was struck by the phrase found in 1 Peter 4:7: *“be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.”* We must be sober (have clear thinking) in order to watch unto prayer. It is tempting to watch television, cellphones, internet, etc.; but, O, that the Lord would help us watch and be alert in prayer. May God help us to pray and depend on Him as we leave our lives, our well-being, our finances, and our safety in His hands!

Blessings

-3 precious souls put their faith in Christ during our online Easter conference in Peru.

-God has provided for our church to be able to deliver 26 bags of food to needy people in our church in Peru. (The groceries were bought in part by your giving.)

-Our home church gave generously so that Sara and I were able to get away for a few days to celebrate our 14th anniversary. I am thankful to God for the wonderful wife He has given me, and we are both thankful to my family for watching the kids while we were away.

Furlough Update

We were able to continue with our furlough travels through the middle of March and are thankful for safety in travel and for the blessing so many churches have been to our family. During this unexpected break from traveling, we have enjoyed spending time with my family here in Ohio. While we have missed being physically present in church, we have enjoyed many online services and have had extra time for Bible study and prayer. We have been able to conduct several meetings through video calls, and thank God for the encouraging time this past week in the virtual missions conference with Calvary Baptist Church of Smithfield, VA.

COVID-19 in Peru

Peru, being a 3rd-world country, has been greatly affected by the pandemic. The country has been on strict lockdown since March 17, which is to continue until at least May 10. Many people really just live from day to day, so being unable to work has

made things very difficult. Pastor Henry and those in our church in Peru have been working hard to continue holding services through Facebook live. It is very likely that churches will be unable to physically meet again this year. Schools have also moved to online learning until December. Please pray for the Lord's provision and for wisdom as we continue forward.



How can I help?

As we look to be holding online services for the next several months, there is the need to purchase better equipment (microphones, webcams) and internet for our church and for the pastors in the other 3 churches of our team in Tacna. Any gift to help with this need can be sent to MWBM marked, “Robert Stover Special Fund.” Please pray for wisdom for us as we watch and wait concerning furlough meetings and our planned return to Peru on June 4. Thank you for your prayers and giving!

We are praying for you during these uncertain days and thank you for partnering with us so faithfully.

Rejoicing in the Risen Christ,
Robert & Sara Stover and Family



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