

# THE STOVER FAMILY

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MISSIONARIES TO PERU



We all know that 2020 has been an unusual year, to say the least. Luke 2:19 states, *"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."* Ponder means "to think about something carefully, especially before making a decision or conclusion." Mary had just lived through a very unusual year as well. God used her in a special way as she considered the marvelous things that had happened and determined to continue to allow God to work in her life however He saw fit. May we continue to ponder (consider) what the Lord has done in our lives this year, and determine in our hearts that we will continue to love and serve Him as Mary did.



## Prayer Needs

- Faithfulness and spiritual growth in our church
- Sara and the children in this homeschool year
- Transitions for our family as we get adjusted- The kids miss being able to attend services and are working to remember Spanish that was lost in our time away.
- We were able to distribute more than 50 bags of Christmas goodies and Gospel literature to our church people and others we have come to know through the years. Please pray for God to use these things in hearts, and for people to come to know Christ!

## Back Home in Peru!

November 13 we arrived back to Tacna, Peru. Thank you to those who prayed for us to receive our negative Covid tests in the time required (within 72 hours of the flight). The Lord worked out many details and gave us the smoothest trip we have ever had. The kids did well, and all our luggage made it. Upon arrival, we had to observe a 14-day quarantine. We are so thankful for your prayers and for the privilege to be back in our place of service.

## Covid Update

Peru is just starting to open back up. For several months, children have only been permitted to leave their homes for a 30-minute walk each day within a 1/4 mile of their house. Now, as of December 1, that rule has loosened so that kids can be out, though some places still do not allow minors to enter.

Sunday, November 15, was the first in-person service for the Calvary Baptist Church. We are limited to 25 people (1/3 capacity of the building), and only ages 14-65 can attend. Masks and social distancing are required as well as strict

cleaning procedures. We are just thankful to be able to meet again. All the services continue to be streamed for people who aren't able to attend in person. Please pray for the Lord to help us figure out various technical difficulties and internet issues, so that each service can be viewed and heard with clarity.

All our regular summer ministry activities will be conducted virtually. Please pray for God to touch hearts through His Word. The president of Peru has issued some strict orders for the month of December, similar to restrictions in the US this holiday season. In January, we plan to begin visiting again in Viñani, the area where we plan to start the new church. Please pray for wisdom and discretion as we figure out Covid restrictions, which are projected to continue at least through the first half of 2021. Though these things affect our original timeline for the church plant, it is a great time to meet with individuals in homes and virtually, and we look forward to what the Lord is going to do. Please also pray for Peru as there has been much political unrest in recent days.

We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Your prayers and financial support are so greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who sent special Christmas offerings to our family. May 2021 be our greatest year ever serving the Lord!

Rejoicing in the Newborn King,  
**Robert & Sara Stover and Family**



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