BETHANY HOMAN

Missionary in Peru

Prayer Requests:

- Covid 19 illnesses and government restrictions in Peru
- •Virtual services and limitations.
- Children's Sunday school lessons and outreach
- •Deaf ministry during the pandemic
- •My travels during furlough
- My sister Lisa Martin for recovery from her fractured leg

What is happening in Peru?

The Peruvian government decreed very strict Covid 19 restrictions starting in mid-March. They closed the borders to all international travel. All businesses were closed except banks, supermarkets, open air food markets, doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies. We also had curfews and mandatory mask use mandated at all times outside of your home since March. We have been arranging and holding virtual church services, children's Sunday school classes, teen meetings, deaf services, ladies' meetings and men's meetings on Facebook Live videos, Zoom calls, and other virtual outreach programs. In November, we were finally allowed to hold limited services at the church. We could only have 25 people at a time or about 1/3 of the capacity of our auditorium. We were also not allowed to have any children under 14 attend and no adults over 65 were allowed to attend.

We were only able to hold those services for about two months because the new case numbers in Peru started to rise again in January and the government closed down all public gatherings again by mid-January. Please pray for the people of Peru to continue to grow spiritually in this limited time. Especially pray for the children's and deaf ministries as they have been most effected by the restrictions of the church ministries.



One of our socially distanced church services in November and December.

Virtual children's Sunday school classes continue since mid-March.



Furlough News

In November the Stover family was finally able to return to Peru. They had planned on returning from their furlough in June but were unable to get into the country because the borders were completely closed to all international travel from March to November. It is a blessing that they were able to get back to Peru and the ministries there. I was also able to fly back to the United States in December, to start the furlough I had been postponing since April.

I have been traveling during January and February to visit my supporting churches and present the ministry in Peru in new churches. I started traveling in Florida and then made a trip up through Georgia and into North and South Carolina. I thank the Lord that I was able to be with my sister Lisa Martin when she fell and fractured her leg at the end of January. She ended up needing three surgeries to repair the fracture. I was able to help them for several weeks as I had meetings in the area. Please pray for Lisa as she continues to recover.

I only have a few dates open in my schedule, so please let me know if you would like me to come to your church on this furlough. I am available on Wednesday February 17th in the Tampa FL area; Wednesday March 17th or March 31st or Sunday evening March 28th in the Kalamazoo, Battle Creek MI area; Sunday Morning or Evening April 4th and Wednesday April 11th, 14th, or 28th in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, or Illinois. I also have Sunday evening May 2nd available in Illinois. If you would like me to come for any of those dates, please call my cell number at 813-838-5902 or email me at bethanyhoman@mwbm.org.

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