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Dear Praying Friends,

I Praise the Lord for the opportunity to see, with my own eyes, the great work that the Lord is doing through the ministries of our missionaries, Joe and Lisa Kotvas and their son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Zulema. They are laboring together at the Efata Baptist Church to reach the deaf and hearing of Lima, Peru. As I spent time with these missionaries, the following three things stood out:

THEIR DEVOTED MINISTERS – The Efata Ministry was founded by a missionary, Vernon Miller, who himself was deaf. Pastor Vernon retired in 2000 and Brother Joe took over the helm. Over the years he has gathered together a tremendous group of leaders who are dedicated to serving the Lord. Brother Joe pastors the hearing church and his son, Joseph is the pastor the deaf church. They also have churches in five different areas: *Tablada*; *Pucallpa*; *Callao*; *San Juan de Lurigancho*; and *Chancay*.



THEIR DIVERSE MINISTRIES - On Sundays they have services all day long beginning in the morning at 8:00 am. The first service is for the hearing while the deaf, simultaneously have Sunday School. The Second service is combined deaf and hearing, and the third service is for the deaf while the hearing go to their Sunday School classes. In the afternoon the young people, and other sub-groups of people meet. All day on Sunday, right up to sun-down, there is a buzz of activity. It was beautiful to see all the teenagers and kids in their groups talking and having good fellowship with one another all day long.



THEIR DEFINITE MISSION – The Efata Baptist Church is clearly fulfilling “*The Great Commission*”, at home and abroad, as they provide seminary training to the deaf and the hearing. Through their “*Circuit-riding Ministry*” they are training workers and establishing new deaf works throughout Peru. With a population of over 34 million people, Peru represents a tremendous opportunity for missions. It is a megadiverse country, ranging from the arid plains of the Pacific coast, to the peaks of the Andes mountains, to the tropical Amazon Rainforest Basin. Please join us in praying that the Lord would send laborers into this vast harvest field.



In Christ,
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