

World Partners Peru - Joshua & Missy Saune

Ministry Update

Family

We praise God, that our family is well and healthy. Our children are all doing very well. Our three daughters, Zoyla, Shey & Athalia are all employed and doing very well in at their respective jobs. Our sons Noconi & Efrain (along with their wives) are all doing well. Noconi and Alicia will begin the building of their home in either July/August, for which we are all very happy about. Our 11-year-old grandson, Joshua is doing great! Advancing well in the 5th grade and has become more of a big brother to his uncle Ruben (Nobi). Our little Nobi continues to amaze us daily. It has been sometime since we've had to go through the 'terrible twos', and Nobi did put that phrase to test! We praise God for our family's wellbeing.

Our son Efrain has graduated from Bethel University with a master's degree in business. We are saddened we were unable to attend, but we will all be there in spirit. We are very proud of him and all his achievements.

We give praise that our mother, Maria is doing well. Obviously, she has had a hard adjustment, but we are thankful for our godchildren: Willy & Reyna, who are taking care of her in our absence. We speak to our mother on a weekly basis. At her age, she has her ups and downs and we give praise that she is still with us and are eagerly waiting to set our eyes upon her once again.

We've had a season of sadness, as COVID continues to take members of Missy's family. It has been a difficult time for her. Despite it all, it has been a blessing to be on hand for the family. I am not sure we shared with everyone, but we were helping to take care of Missy's Uncle Herbie. We cared for him in our home for four months in our home, when he decided to return to his Parker (the family hometown). Missy was very saddened when he passed away in late April. Uncle Herbie had asked Missy and I to take care of all his funeral arrangements, and to reach out to others was a huge blessing! Not very many knew that our beloved uncle had reconciled his life to God! To share that message and plant the seed of salvation in many others was what our uncle must have wanted.

Returning to Peru

We are now preparing for our upcoming return to Ayacucho. We depart in late May and do not return until late July. During our time in Ayacucho our hope is that we will accomplish the goals we have set:

- Visit and encourage with the local pastors; both in the city and rural areas.
- Meet with our ministry team and plan our new year of ministry.
- We have planned two conferences: a marriage conference and a pastor's conference. We are working out details as we learn the protocols for Ayacucho regarding COVID.
- We have been invited to observe and participate in other church events, which we hope will working into our schedule.
- Visit and minister to our family & friends.

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Prayer Requests:

We would appreciate your prayers for the following:

- Our family health: especially since we will be traveling (Missy, little Nobi, little Joshua & I)
- For our extended family (as well as you and yours) during this time of COVID. Despite that the 'numbers are going down' it is still among us.
- For our children and their well-being.
- For my health (Joshua). I continue to deal with my diabetes and high blood pressure.
- For Missy, we found that she has borderline high blood pressure, which she has been controlling with diet and exercise. We are praying she won't have to be on any long-term medication.
- For our mother, Maria, that God will grant her health and strength in her old age.
- For our upcoming return to Peru. We pray that God will supply the necessary funds to accomplish all that we've planned. It is a thing to plan and put into action, but we know that God has the ultimate say in our plans!
- For our upcoming trainings; we will be holding two large trainings:
- The first will be more a marriage seminar for 100 pastors and their wives (so 200 approximately). We are praying for the economic resources for this training. To date, we are \$4,000 short for the budgeted \$5,500 for this seminar. We are trusting that God will provide in His time.
- The second training is for our key leaders of the Quechua Churches. This training is to focus only on the leaders that oversee the churches in their prospective areas.
- Pray for the safe travel of the pastors, some of them will travel weeks to get to our training site.
- For our continued financial support both personal and ministerial.