



Templetons To Peru

Dear friends in Christ,

February/March, 2019

We are very busy, blessed, and challenged all at the same time. First, the busy part.

Our main church has prayer meeting on Tuesday nights. On Wednesday nights, Ruth and I have a Bible study every other week in two different homes. On Thursday, I preach in a church that is struggling. On Friday I have the live radio broadcast. Counseling is mixed in between these activities and we do a lot of counseling plus I preach in other churches.

Our pastoral staff is helping the struggling church I mentioned. Two of us preach for two of their services and teach one Sunday school class. They do not have a pastor, but they do have serious internal conflicts. We are working on these conflicts. To help struggling churches consumes a lot of time and energy.

We also began a Sunday morning service for one of the small Wednesday night Bible study groups on the other side of the city. We meet at the municipality building free of charge! This is a great blessing. The group is small running between 20-30 people.

Janett is a sister of two of our church members. She and her husband, Ricardo had been studying the Bible with this small group on Wednesday nights for some time. Then they began to attend on Sunday mornings. We set up a time to visit with Ricardo and Janett in their home before a Bible study. In short, Janett trusted Christ as her Savior. For years she thought she was a believer. Her joy is the outstanding difference you notice in her life.

Recently, Janett and 3 others were baptized. It is always exciting to see people follow Christ after making a decision.

I also spent a week and a half ministering near Cusco in the southern region of Peru. I spoke at a commissioning service for a couple that is joining 3 other couples to begin a new church. The 4 couples invited me to one of their planning sessions. They have also asked me to give them some guidance in church planting as they work together.

After a couple of days with this team, I spoke at a pastor's retreat in this region. I always enjoy the challenge and privilege to speak to pastors. I am sure I learn far more than they do when I have these opportunities. My topic was the life of Jesus. What a Savior!

We have some big challenges at this time. One is the need for a property for our church here in Lima. The problem is that property is sky high in price, but we need to move out of our present building to grow. We also have not received the 3 frequency licenses we have purchased from the government. Those were purchased in December, 2017. Almost 1 ½ years have gone by and we are still waiting. We could have been on the air by now. While we wait, we are moving forward with all the other work that is needed for a new radio plant.

We are praying for the salvation of several people we have been trying to reach. At times, I think they are close and then they seem to back away. Pray for the salvation of these: Miguel Angel, Karla, Carlos, Eglie, Ricardo, Ursula, Erich, Laura.

For Christ's glory,
Stanley and Ruth Templeton