

# MISSIONS UPDATE

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## Prayer Points

### David & Pamela, SCF

We would appreciate prayer for our children and young people's work in particular. Specifically for the Lord's guidance to help get the ministries up and running. We are thankful to have had our first Sunday back together.

Praise God that 3 ladies made a commitment to Christ over lockdown. They have been seeking fellowship with the other believers and enjoying the teaching on Sundays and with the Tuesday Bible Study online. Also giving thanks that all 3 of our children are now in full time employment.

### Simon & Jayne, CEF

Praise God for the ministry opportunities that He allowed over the past few months during lockdown! We praise God that two children from one of the local Good News Club's trusted in Jesus during that time.

Please pray as we contact local schools about working alongside them again this year.

### Paul & Emma, CBC

Points of Praise from lockdown:

- Unity among our members.
- More people praying together.
- A longing to be meeting together again.
- 'Non-members' remained committed.

Points of prayer for moving forward:

- New men's and women's study groups beginning September.
- Kids work recommencing October – we need new leaders.
- A renewed passion for evangelism in the local area.

### Jack & Linda, Emily Peru Hope

Give thanks that Jose and the teenage boys in el amor De Dios have recovered from COVID and are back into life at the home.

Please continue to pray for protection for the other children and members of staff.

Also at New Hope as they are reaching out in love for the practical needs of the community.

# Emily Peru Hope

Perú announced a National State of Emergency in March which has been extended to the end of September. Perú has the highest fatality rate for COVID patients in Latin America.

In Arequipa, where both of the children's homes New Hope and Amor de Dios are located, the COVID situation has worsened in the past month. Hospitals are functioning beyond point of collapse, patients



are sleeping in the streets outside the hospital and the oxygen supply has dwindled and depleted for days at a time.



New Hope, the larger of the 2 children's homes visited by the team last year has been overwhelmed by the generosity of churches and individuals meaning they were able to help 1000+ families with relief baskets and food.

They distributed nearly \$16,000 dollars for immediate needs such as groceries, rent, utilities and medical care.

New Hope has placed a growing emphasis in getting some of the vulnerable and orphaned children fostered or adopted. They had begun to help launch a Pilot Foster Programme but unfortunately, due to the pandemic, this is on hold. Due to Covid restrictions some of the adoption cases had stalled but these are now starting to move closer to completion.

Amor de Dios operate a Dining Room Project each Wednesday at 12pm in which they serve a meal and provide a food bag containing fruit, bread and water. There can be up to 100



people turning up with some queuing from 8am in the street. It attracts a wide range of people to include; poor people, women, children, refugees and the elderly. There was a group of 6 elderly people who had been joining them for lunch and participating in a Bible Study who have unfortunately died with Covid. The Dining Project is a great opportunity to show God's love and to share the gospel but it also has its difficulties as some of the people attending don't understand the dangers of Covid or the importance of social distancing and are wanting to show their appreciation with hugs and kisses.

Evelyn (Director of Amor de Dios) contracted Covis, as did some of the teenagers and Jose himself. This impacted their ability to get out for food and help practically with the younger children and the Dining Project. They are grateful for

donations received, meaning they could purchase food, oxygen and masks.

Due to some of the teenagers and support workers having to isolate they have found it difficult dealing with the daily chores, purchasing food, processing the children's legal documents and the coordination of their schoolwork and they would appreciate prayer in these areas.



There are 3 other orphanages that we know of that have been infected with Covid in Arequipa.

*\*this is the latest update from Perú at the end of August which was the first in nearly 6 weeks .*



## Dates for your diary

26<sup>th</sup>—30<sup>th</sup> October—Commission Keepers (a missionary focused kids club each day available online from 9:00am).

7<sup>th</sup> October - Sat-7 Prayer Meeting.

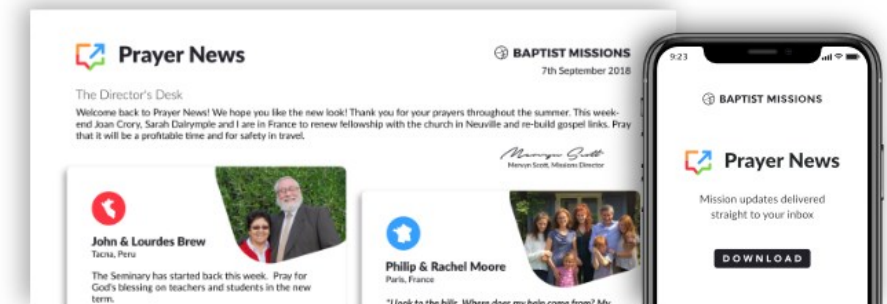
28<sup>th</sup> October—Bible Society Prayer Meeting.

25<sup>th</sup> November—Open Doors Prayer Meeting

## Baptist Missions



### Prayer News



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