

August-October  
2021



Dear Praying Friend,

I spent much of August and September studying, creating materials, teaching extra hours, and walking with co-workers through unexpected health crises. I am ever amazed at God's perfect timing and His kindness in using us. He has also been giving me **opportunities to counsel a few young ladies** from our Bible school and a nearby church.

Unfortunately our three seniors from Ecuador were not able to join us in Trujillo for their final semester. We expected some small difficulties in their getting permission to enter Peru but were saddened to learn mid-August that it would be impossible for them to get here. As you can imagine, they were very disappointed as well. Those who donated for the students' travel expenses were notified and gave their permission for the **funds to be used for other needy students.**

The last week of September I had the privilege of working with Ruth, my student who graduated last year, and Becky Vaughn, my former pastor's daughter, to make an **online presentation for people with special needs.** Ruth suffers from acute rheumatoid arthritis, which greatly limits her physical abilities, and God is using her to reach people who are disabled through a ministry she started one year ago called "Precious Treasures." Becky Vaughn was severely burned in house fire as a little girl, and over the years God has used her testimony and counseling abilities to help many people. In the teaching part of the program, Becky shared her testimony, shared the gospel, and provided hope through God's Word for those who are suffering, and I got to translate for her.

Last week **I got to make a surprise visit to Chinchil!** It was wonderful to catch up with my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, and it was both a fun and heartwarming experience to surprise them! God gave me opportunities to cheer and counsel, to witness Jonás's baptism, to share the gospel, to encourage Tetsuya, Jonás, and Joasiño, who are interested in studying at the Trujillo Bible college in 2023 or 2024, and to help the missions team from Lima. I left Chinchil burdened to pray and to visit again soon.

Next week we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Bible college, Seminario Bautista del Perú, by having a Bible conference and banquet. Many people, including Pastor Josué Tinta from Chinchil, will travel to Trujillo to participate in the celebration. Pray for health and safety. More importantly, pray for probable upcoming changes in the leadership of the Bible college. As per Peruvian culture, pastors from different parts of Peru will voice their opinions and votes, which will determine the future of the school. **Please pray for unity; pray that God would be honored.**

My good friend, Heidi Robbins, is getting married in November and has asked me to be her maid of honor. Heidi and I became friends on my first mission trip to Chinchil in 2010. We both served at Iglesia Bautista "El Manantial" with Jim and Becky Carlton for several years, and during 2016-2020 her apartment in Lima was my home-away-from-home between my travels and ministry transitions. I'm thankful for the chance to travel to the USA **to celebrate her marriage, and to spend Thanksgiving with my family** before returning to Trujillo!

I've accepted requests to **teach morning sessions for young ladies in a college-career camp** retreat in December and in a week-long camp for the same age group in February. The theme for all retreats and camps this summer is the sovereignty of God. Please pray for wisdom and self-discipline in preparation.

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More prayer requests

- Peru’s migration department has undergone major changes, and they still haven’t updated my **foreigner’s ID card**. I need the update in order to use my Peruvian bank’s mobile application and to get my Peruvian driver’s license.
- I continue to seek **God’s direction** in choosing a church ministry.
- Safety, health, and correct timing of **COVID tests/paperwork** for travel to the USA and back to Peru.

More praises

- The **transition** into life in Trujillo has been smooth.
- God is allowing me to form connections and **friendships** with people here.
- Peru’s **COVID-19 counts are going down** and the country is gradually opening.
- God has given me **health, safety, and provision**.
- **Some funds are available** for a few Bible college students to have work scholarships next semester. Thank you to those who have given! If you haven’t given and want to, there is an ongoing opportunity to participate.
- God has greatly encouraged me as I’ve heard from young ladies who took my course last year and this year about how **they are putting to practice what they’ve learned!**

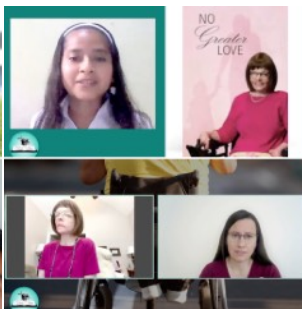
*In Christ’s Service,  
Emily*



*Top left: The current Bible college director, Elías, and his wife, Luz, Top right: My former co-worker Tracy, who is now in the USA receiving chemotherapy, Bottom left to right: Kandie, Julie, and Ecko, BMM missionaries who are now my co-workers*



*Getting to know Ruth in person, as well as her brother and her roommate*



*The online presentation was on the one-year anniversary of Ruth's ministry for people with special needs.*



*Celebrating 50 years with a Bible Conference*



*Building relationships*

*Teens: With Jonás after his baptism, Joa, Tetsuya*



*The children, Sarela and Rosa*



*Chinchil, Inocencia*

