



LEFT BEHIND...

As I write this letter, Beth and I are sitting in the Guatemalan airport waiting for our flight to leave for Peru. After 27+ years of ministering in Guatemala, today we are leaving behind more than just a ministry; WE ARE LEAVING BEHIND A FAMILY! God has been so good!



Many pastors, pastor's wives and other Christians joined us for one last breakfast together this morning. One dear lady gave testimony saying that she not only considers me a brother in Christ, but also a son! We have known her for over 26 years, and I,

too, feel as if she has been like a "mother" to me here.

That reminds me of what Jesus said to Peter: "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, <u>shall receive an hundredfold</u>, and shall inherit everlasting life" (Mt 19:29 – emphasis added).

I don't own any houses or land in this world, but I have hundreds of homes that are scattered across the United States, Mexico, Central America, and even a few other countries. My earthly family is mainly in the States, but I have an endless number of brothers and sisters, and moms and dads that love me throughout "this old world below." God, indeed, is good! Really good!

We leave behind pastor friends, their wives and families, and many brethren that have come to the Lord through our ministry. We leave them behind physically, but they will forever be with us in our hearts. **THANK YOU, LORD, FOR 27 WONDERFUL YEARS IN GUATEMALA!** As the Apostle Paul said to the Philippians, we should not dwell on the past (whether good or bad), but we must be "reaching forth unto those things which are before."

...LOOKING AHEAD

As I continue this letter, I am now sitting in our son's house in San Ramon, Peru—our new base for ministry!

We arrived in Lima on April 8th and spent just over a week there getting our residency paperwork started, a vehicle purchased, along with other items needed for getting our home set up here in the Central Jungle. God has blessed in

so many ways! Thank you to Missionaries Tom and Carolyn Pace for letting us stay in their home last week, and to Jon's in-laws, Edmundo and Liliana Tenorio, for helping us in so many ways!



We arrived here in San Ramon safe and sound, yesterday, April 16th! We will be staying with Jon and Rocio for a week or so until we get everything here and settled. The container is due to arrive in Lima this week, but then there are several days of paperwork at the port to get it out. Then, we will ship it over the Andes to our newly rented home here in San Ramon.

Thank you so much to each of you who have faithfully prayed for our ministry and this transition. Please continue to pray for the following requests:

- Completion of Residency Paperwork
- Reasonable costs, speedy processing, and safe transport of the container to San Ramon.

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