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SAME STORY, DIFFERENT COUNTRY

Greetings for San Ramon in the Central Jungle of Peru!

I debated on whether to write a prayer letter at this time, or not. I would imagine that many of the prayer letters and missions reports for March/April of 2020 will sound “eerily similar” in nature. The “coronavirus pandemic” will certainly mark its place in history—for good or for bad.

COVID-19 STATS		
	Cases	Deaths
Peru (Country)	19,250	530
Junín (State)	207	4
San Ramón (City)	0	0

Peru was one of the first Latin American countries to take aggressive measures to counter the coronavirus pandemic and its spread in this country. President Vizcarra has been praised for all the measures he and his

government have taken to combat this outbreak.

For example, we are now in the 5th week of a full “shelter in place” quarantine, and today the President announced that it will be extended 2 more weeks! except for essential workers (mainly medical and food workers). Most people live from “day-to-day” with their income, as well as their food supply. Only one person is permitted to leave their homes during certain hours of the day to get food. My wife has been to the open-air market three times since the quarantine went into effect. I have not been out of the house and yard area at all (not by choice, but by order).

Despite the early quarantine, obligatory use of masks, social distancing, etc., Peru has a total of 19,250 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 530 deaths. All the manmade efforts do not seem to have made much of a difference in the overall outcome and spread of the coronavirus in Peru.

Although there are 207 cases reported in our department (state), there are only 9 cases reported in the Central Jungle and those cases are about 2 hours away from us. Thus far, praise the Lord there have been no COVID-19 cases in the direct San Ramon area.

CREATIVE MINISTRY

One thing for certain is that this outbreak has certainly made many pastors/teachers/leaders sit back and think about ways to effectively minister in this unusual time of quarantine.

In Peru, it is no different. We, too, have been trying to maintain contact and doing outreach through Facebook Live and Zoom



videoconferences. We have actually seen an increase in attendance on our Tuesday night Bible study classes!

While meditating on ways to get the Gospel out, the Lord gave me the idea of making video “animated” Gospel tracts to post online. I have written several full-colored tracts since being in Peru, and now they are not just being passed out 1-on-1 on the streets, but, through Facebook targeted ads, are reaching thousands in the greater San Ramon area. Today I posted our 5th animated tract! The first four have had between 3100 to 4000+ view EACH! Pray that the Lord will use these tracts in the hearts of many people!



The Central Jungle of PERU

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