



MINISTRY BEHIND MASKS... SORT OF...

We are certainly living in interesting times! Perú began its lockdown on March 16th... AND CONTINUES! We were really hoping and praying that the June 30th extension would bring an end to the more extreme quarantine conditions that the country has been under. However, there are certain areas

COVID-19 STATS		
	Cases 309,278	Deaths 10,952
(Country) Junín (State)	5,997	1767
San Ramó (City)	n 101	11

of the country that continue to grow in COVID cases and our department (state) is one of those areas. Our curfew was changed from 9 PM to 8 PM on Monday through Saturday, and ALL **DAY on Sundays!**

These conditions, including social distancing and obligatory masks will continue until at least July 31st. I guess only time will tell if things will change significantly after that. That being said, ministry continues on as best we can under the circumstances. Most services are being done through Zoom video conferencing and Sundays on Facebook Live.

However, the Lord has also opened other doors for counseling on several fronts. I have counseled people with anxiety issues, marital problems, financial worries and even one who regularly is "hearing voices".

We praise the Lord for the victories He is giving in the lives of people, in spite of the unusual circumstances in which we are living. About 10 days ago my wife and I counseled a young single mom from Villa Rica (she traveled an hour and a half to talk to us) who was having recurring nightmares, anxiety attacks and hearing voices of suicidal thoughts. After about 3 hours of counseling with her, Nancy accepted Jesus as her Savior and was gloriously saved. Pray that God's peace would reign in her heart and mind as she begins to grow in her new walk with the Lord. One of our Bible Institute students is in fairly constant contact with her and is keeping me informed of her progress.

BIBLE COLLEGE CLASSES BEGIN

Despite the difficulties presented by the COVID situation, life does go on! In June we were able to start our online Bible College classes with three online courses being offered. Our son, Jonathan, is teaching Spanish Grammar for Bible College, Missionary Bruce Martin is teaching Life of Christ, and I am teaching Spiritual Warfare. Each course is three hours of teaching per week, each on a different weeknight.

We have several new students this year, and about half of our students from the classes we previously held in-person. Several of my former students from Villa Rica do not have access to Wi-Fi (full-time Internet) and the data coverage for live online classes is either poor at best (signalwise), or cost-preventative at worst (too expensive for most).



In my class on Spiritual Warfare, I have 9 students that are taking the course for credit (including homework, tests, etc.) and 5 students that are auditing the course (these are pastors from Honduras). God has blessed the teaching in the lives of the students, and I have had many positive comments about how the course content has really helped them in their own personal lives. In fact, Nancy's salvation (mentioned above) is a direct result of this course. Pray that God would continue to use this course to impact lives for His glory!

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