

Happy New Year, Dear Friends! I realize that the month of January is already quickly coming to a close but I want to share with you what's been happening around here, as we wrapped up 2025 and jumped into 2026! And since they say a picture is worth a 1000 words let me share a few with you ....



▲ Last day of the school year! Saying goodbye to the Seniors and the students that won't be returning next year.  
▼ Joella was sad to see a couple of her classmates leave, but we pray, just as Isaiah 55:11 says, that the word planted in their hearts will not return empty.



▼ The end of the year also meant saying goodbye to two members of our English team. Miss Arianna, one of our elementary English teachers returned to the US after serving with us for two years and Miss Sharine will be returning to her home country of Curacao after serving with us since 2019 in our school counseling department and as a support staff member for the English team. I am thankful to have Miss Keesa, Miss Romina, Miss Karla, and Miss Priscila continuing this next school year, along with Miss Stephanie who is not pictured, while we continue to pray for the Lord to fill the empty positions.





▲ K5 graduation class (finished the pre-school/kindergarten level)  
▼ 6th grade graduating class (finished the primary level)





▲ Senior class (finished the secondary level)

In typical Peruvian fashion, we had a ceremony and celebration for each of the graduating classes, mid-December. While much planning and preparing go into these activities, it is yet another opportunity to present the Gospel to these families and their guests.



▲▼▼▼▼ The week before Christmas we had our End-of-the-school year Closing/Christmas program, with participation and special numbers from all three levels. This year the high school Choir presented the cantata "Savior for All" while the elementary students acted. The program was held outside as we had around 750 present according to my calculations.







▲ ▼ ▼ We ended the year with teacher in-service days both before and after Christmas, to evaluate the 2025 school year and plan for the 2026 school year that will begin in March. On the 30th we had a special lunch with the staff to thank them for their hard work throughout the year and to say farewell to Miss Sharine and Mr. Flavio, our P.E. teacher who is getting married and moving away for the year. It's crazy to think how time continues to pass by, impossible to detain. In the blink of an eye another year is now gone. The first class I came to teach in 2007 have now finished their studies in the university and are now moving into the "wedding stage". The beginning of February, Mr. Flavio and Silvana will be married. One of the "little" girls from my first class! Later on in 2026 two other former students plan to be married! As I write this I think to myself, how quickly time "slips" away.... and I wonder, am I making the most of the time I have been given to invest in things that are lasting and eternal? I am reminded of Paul's words to the Ephsians in chapter 5, verses 15 and 16 where he instructs them to make the best use of the time because the days are evil, taking care how you walk, not as unwise but as wise. So with 2025 behind us and 2026 before us I reflect on what intentional living will look like for me this year!





▼▼▼2026 started off with a special visit and some vacation days for our family! My brother Andrew, along with his wife and three sons came to visit us, they got a taste of our reality, living in the desert of Lima with all the tastes and smells that it has to offer, some more delightful and pleasant than others! They also treated us to a time at the ocean as we stayed together for a night at a beach house enjoying the beauty and power of the waves! The kids favorite was hunting for shells and crabs!





▼▼▼▼ January brought with it Kids Camp at La Roca! Though Jhonatan and I were not involved personally in the first two camps for 9-12 year-olds and for 13-17 year-olds, our daughters both enjoyed a week at camp and we were able to sponsor our neighbor boy once again so that he could attend. Please pray for Giovanni, that he would continue to have an interest in spiritual things and that he wouldn't let the cares of this world distract him this year.







This last week of January is camp for college age, running from Tuesday morning through Friday evening. Jhonatan and I will be involved with a workshop on missions on Thursday. Please pray for the hearts of all those that will attend, that just as the camp theme portrays, they would say "Sí, Señor" (Yes, Sir) to the mission the Lord has called them to!

As for February, the first week will be day camp for early elementary age and later on we will have a medical team here from the US that will partner with the church to do evangelistic outreach in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Other exciting news, my parents and aunt will be here to visit us for 9 days so we will get to enjoy some special time with them as well!

Please pray...

...That the kids and youth would stand firm in the decisions that they made at camp, bringing about life change.

...For safety and sensitivity to the Spirit's leading during the following weeks of camp and summer activities at the church.

...The provision of the new staff members needed for our 2026 school year, specifically English teachers who have been called and equipped to serve by teaching English while sharing Christ love with the students.

...We continue to enjoy the extra time with Jhonatan. It is a blessing for me to have the extra help around the home, however, we pray that the Lord would provide him with a full-time job, with Monday-Friday hours and without a long commute that would add hours onto each end of his workday.

We are blessed to know you are there and praying....

Hannah (& the fam)

Here are a few more family snapshots...

I got a good chuckle when I saw these two beach pictures. The first, of our happy little family when the waves of this life are calm! ... and the second photo of the excited mother, when the waves of life catch me by surprise! (hope you enjoy the expressions!)





Our little monkey turned three!

