

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters, NOVEMBER 2026

Much has happened in the Lord's work since our last letter, both good things and challenges, but as the Word of God says, all of these things have worked together for our good. Thank you for your constant prayers; please be assured that they have been a great help to us in every circumstance.

Where should I begin? Perhaps with the most difficult challenge: At the end of February, our church building was severely damaged by the forces of nature. A *huayco* (a destructive flow of water, earth, and stones) knocked down walls and swept inside, destroying furniture, the prefabricated classrooms used for teaching children and teenagers, our kitchen facilities, and much more. With the help of our church members, our neighbors (who are not believers), and brothers and sisters from other congregations, we were able to clean up and restore the main hall. Furthermore, thanks to God's provision manifested through the offerings of fellow believers and other churches, we were able to recover some of what was lost, securing the essentials needed to continue our service.

This experience has allowed us to see the hand of God at work. Since that moment, the Lord has been moving in wonderful ways, enabling us to demonstrate His love in a tangible way to others who were also affected. We were able to share food and blankets, provide school supplies to children who were just about to begin their academic year, and support a small preschool. Glory be to God!

Through various events, such as those held for Holy Week, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Children's Day, and our church anniversary, as well as through our ministries for women and teenagers, the Lord has worked toward salvation, resulting in 19 individuals making a decision of faith in Christ. Please pray for these souls, that the Lord may guide them toward growth.

CHRISTMAS EVANGELISTIC PROJECT "ONE STEP FURTHER" 2026

We know there is much more to be done, and we want to continue spreading the Gospel. Our final program of the year is the Christmas evangelistic project, "One Step Further." Each year, we take advantage of the Christmas season to share hot chocolate and panetón, (a traditional sweet bread served with hot chocolate), with people from various areas surrounding the church. We also provide gifts for the children. While we share these things, our primary and most important objective is to share the Gospel, the message of salvation through Christ.

Every year that we have carried out this project, we have seen the lives of adults, youth, and children impacted by the Word of God. Last year, by God's blessing, we were able to distribute over 1,000 servings of hot chocolate and panetón, along with more than 600 gifts for children. This means that over 1,000 people heard about Christ, thanks to the support of fellow believers who chose to take part in this project.

This year, we pray that the Lord will enable us to hold our first Chocolatada (hot chocolate gathering) on December 12th in a new area called Villa Ecológica, and a second one on December 19th at the church building. We anticipate a similar number of attendees. I ask for your prayers, that the Lord may prepare people's hearts to be receptive to the Gospel, and for God's provision to cover the budget needed for the ingredients for these gatherings, as well as for the toys we wish to share with the children. We have only the remainder of October and the month of November to reach this goal. Thank you once again for joining us with your prayers and for assisting us with your financial support. Thank you for praying for my family and for the work of God here in Arequipa. With the hope that our good God continues to bless you, I bid you farewell.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Edwin Mamani and family