News: both good and bad, but all in God's hands!

Good News!

In July we obtained seats on a repatriation flight and came back to our Pennsylvania home without any problems. We set down our suitcases and picked up our computers to continue all of our online ministries right where we left off in Peru: 6 weekly church meetings, 6 seminary classes and counseling and teaching via Zoom for the New Life Prenatal Center. Evelyn's *Self Confrontation* Zoom Bible study maxed out with 100 students enrolled. Her *Moment of Counsel* podcast reaches 4-8,000 people on Facebook weekly. So that is all good news!

*Jump to the right-hand column
to read the bad news,
then return here for the end of the story.*

To end with good news:

Bad News!

Here's the English version of the *bad news* on August 28, 2020: ***Peru Now World's Deadliest Covid Hot Spot***

(Bloomberg) -- Peru has set another grim record by reporting the highest number of deaths per capita from the coronavirus. With 28,277 confirmed deaths from Covid-19, or 86.2 per 100,000 inhabitants, Peru on Thursday overtook Belgium as the nation with the most victims, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University, the IMF and Bloomberg. It comes a week after the South American nation of 33 million posted the world's deepest economic contraction in the second quarter following a drastic lockdown....

It's also among nations with most fatalities by population size over the past week. Despite locking the entire country down

God has given us a break, and we are grateful! During more than 100 days of lockdown in our house in Peru we were able to convert all of our ministry to online. Now back on the farm, away from the big city, we are enjoying the freedom of going outdoors, mowing the lawn and caring for the flower garden. We enjoy God's beautiful creation every day. What we don't enjoy here in the country is good Internet! So **thank you** to Mehoopany Baptist Church, just a couple of miles away, who has generously invited us to use their high speed Internet to upload videos and teach online classes! God always provides!

early and aggressively, the government has struggled to get control of its outbreak. Cases surged after lock-down measures were eased in July, prompting a ban on social and family gatherings and also delaying plans for reopening the economy. You can read the complete article [here].

Click on the picture below to take a look at the video our son, Jonathan, just posted to show their church's response to the ever-increasing economic needs by delivering bags of groceries and sharing the gospel.

Please pray for the part of our family still in Peru:

- Jon & Angela and their 3 kids - Directing our online Seminary & pastoring the New Life Church.
- Christina & Julio and their 2 kids - Christina teaches at La Molina Christian School and Julio teaches at a university - both online jobs.

Please pray for our church family in Peru:

- Pray for growth of our church people during these challenging days; 6 are preparing in an online baptism/membership class so they will be ready to follow the Lord just as soon as the government allows even a small meeting.
- Praise God we were able to donate 5 smartphones to enable all of our church families to connect to our services regularly. Thank you to those that helped with that purchase!
- Pray for the many sick and bereaved in Peru.

We commit to continue to work in the field God has called us to, even though it is 3678 miles away!

We sincerely thank you for your prayers and support,
David & Evelyn Stone

Ampliación los Cedros

Watch Jonathan and members of the church share "baskets" of food
and the Good News with needy neighbors in Peru.