

Prayer update from David & Evelyn Stone

My times are in your hand. Psalm 31:15

2021 began without fanfare or celebration, but with a deep abiding peace of God's providence and care. Oh how we love him and are committed to serve him all of our days.

In this update we share our annual report from 2020 and goals for the year ahead.

Short summary of our ministry

David:

Church planter; professor and treasurer of Lima Baptist Theological Seminary; Peru field treasurer; board member of La Molina Christian Schools; New Life Publications.

Evelyn:

Church planter; president, counselor and conference speaker of the New Life Prenatal Center; professor at Lima Baptist Theological Seminary and Graduate School; New Life Publications.

Highlights of ministry in 2020

--Roots of Faith – Old Testament Conference in February 2020 was a resounding success with 120 students.

--171 students studied at the Baptist Theological Seminary, many in our classes.

--Success of Zoom church ministries was surprising and phenomenal. We were able to develop a closer relationship with the leadership team than before the quarantine.

Challenges in ministry in 2020

--Roots of Faith – Old Testament Conference in February 2020 required an exorbitant investment of time and money to be ready to launch on time. The challenge of Zoom and Internet-based ministries. Minimal personal evangelism opportunities after the March quarantine and difficulty in virtually confirming the reality of decisions. We're sure glad Heaven doesn't have that limitation!

--Our seminary treasury is now nearly empty. Please pray for funds to cover salaries and for a good enrollment in the new semester starting in March.

Top ministry goals for 2021

--Work on the church planting team with Peruvian missionary Samuel Gutarra in developing the IBM Church. Upon return to Peru, begin a cell group, teaching the *Story of Hope* Bible study, and discipling those who attend.

--To work diligently to carry out the mission of the New Life Prenatal Center and provide training for the establishment and administration of pro-life centers in Peru and the world.

--Work with the Baptist Theological Seminary and New Life Publications to sponsor the Roots of Faith – NT Conference when feasible. Publish the student manual and 50 NT cards this year.

--Develop a new administrative board for the New Life Prenatal Center.

Please pray for:

- Wisdom to decide when we should return to Peru.
- New quarantine due to the worsening COVID situation in Peru. Lima churches are no longer allowed to meet because of a total lockdown on Sundays.
- New ministry of a Peruvian pastoral intern at the IBM church begins this week.
- Current online courses of the Prenatal Center: Evelyn has 59 students in a class for parents of teens: *Coming Alongside in the Adventure of Waiting*. Together with Marlen, she will co-teach a new course *The Truth about Abortion*, beginning February 19th. Pray for disciplined time dedicated to writing the book for this course.
- Praise the Lord that we are still healthy and active in ministry in Peru while living in Pennsylvania.
- Praise the Lord for a perfect winter, with lots of snow... and no need to go anywhere!

Thank you for your prayers and support!
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Give us a call! We would love to talk to you.

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