

Bethany Homan

Missionary in Peru

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National Pastor Henry Sucapuca filling bags with food donated for the needy.

Prayer Requests:

- New furlough plans
- Protection and guidance in the corona virus crisis.
- Children's ministries—transitions from virtual to in person classes again.
- Permission for us to hold in person church services and ministries again.
- Deaf ministry, English and sign language classes
- Tifani and others suffering with Covid 19 in Peru
- Families affected by the restrictions during the quarantine.
- Re-opening of Peru.

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Furlough plans during the Corona virus

I have been planning my third furlough since November of 2019. I had all of my schedule planned, and my tickets were purchased to leave for the United States on March 31, 2020.

Then the President of Peru announced that Peru would be closing all international borders in mid March, and I had to quickly change my plans. I transitioned my ministries as all of you did, to virtual videos and meeting

apps, and I changed my ticket for furlough to plan B.

I have since had to change my plans three more times as complete international travel restrictions continue in Peru.

I am now on plan E which means that I will be planning a completely new furlough from December, 2020– June, 2021.

I will be contacting churches again in the next couple of weeks, but if you would like

to schedule a time for me to come to your church please email me at bethanyhoman@mwbm.org.

God has blessed during this time as I have been able to work in some special ways during this pandemic, and God has shown me His timing and direction along the way. Please pray that God will lead and bless in my ministries and in my furlough beginning now in December.

Ministering in the Quarantine

In Peru, we have been under a strict quarantine since March. Our country has been heavily affected by Covid 19 especially in the northern jungle and in the capital city of Lima. I thank the Lord that Tacna where I work has not been one of the hardest hit areas, but we have had 5 church members go through the illness and we have one young lady, Tifani, who has just been diagnosed with Covid 19. Please pray for Tifani as she recovers and for so many others who are affected by Covid 19 here in Peru.

Within the last few weeks, our strictly controlled quarantine regulations have started to relax slowly. For three months only grocery stores, banks, medical facilities, and pharmacies were allowed to operate. This meant that most of our church members were not allowed to work during this time. Many Peruvians live on a day to day basis. The money they make each day goes to buy their food for that day. We were

able to help those who were struggling, because God provided donations from some of our own church members who have a little more, and from some churches in the United States. I was able to participate in a ministry to prepare bags of food staples to help the needy. Not only were we able to help Christians in need, but we were also able to reach out into the community to help families in real need. This allowed us to also present the gospel to each family that we helped. We have given these bags of groceries out four times so far for a total of over 150 bags. During this quarantine, God has used this ministry in the hearts and lives of the people.

We are still not allowed to hold any in person church services, so we have had to learn how to minister virtually. I am in charge of the virtual children's program. I have organized three groups of children's workers to provide Sunday School lessons for our

children.

We also hold weekly men's, ladies', teen's, and college age meetings on programs like zoom. I have been able to help give lessons and run many of these meetings.

I also started a group page for the deaf ministry. I have been able to translate some of our church services on this page and to share videos from other deaf ministries throughout Peru.

As we open up more, we are hoping to start the deaf GED style adult classes again. I am planning to teach the English classes starting in the end of July through December (Until I leave for furlough). I also hope to start sign language classes for those who want to learn to work with the deaf.

My other ministries will be in a transition phase. We still have no idea when the Peruvian government will allow our churches to hold in person services, but we are praying and making plans for that to happen soon.