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Herold Family Update November 2023



"He says, 'Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

This year has been a reminder for us to be still. He is the Lord. He's got this. All He asks us to do is to be still and rest in Him while trusting that He knows what He's doing and His ways are perfect.

Thank you for all of the ways that you have accompanied and supported us in this journey; we are deeply grateful.

## Family

Goodbyes are hard, and this year we've had many of them: friends and family moving away, a dear friend and sister in the Lord going to be with Jesus, and the end of certain seasons of life. People and seasons come and go, but the Lord remains the same; He is our steady rock in this shifting world. As we grieve and walk through these moments as a family and as a church, we have felt the embrace of our Comforter as He reminds us to rely on His joy for strength.

Ellie, Adela, and Isa continue to grow and mature into who God has created them to be. Each of their personalities is blossoming, and it's sweet (sometimes a challenge) to love and enjoy each of them in their different stages of life. They turned 5, 10, and 15 this year.

Ellie has really developed her artistic talent in digital art. She started painting pet portraits for friends and family. She had the opportunity to go to a Christian summer camp at the beginning of this year (Dec, Jan, and Feb are summer months here (a)). It was a special time for her to go deeper in her personal relationship with Jesus and experience a taste of independence — which has led to some good conversations about growing up and dreaming about what the future holds.

Adela is blossoming into a beautiful, creative young lady. She loves all things fashion and dreams of being a fashion designer one day. She also loves creating stories and movies. Most of her free time is spent sketching and creating dress designs as well as writing and illustrating her comic book/short story creations.

Isa has grown up so much this past year. She loves imaginary play and pretends to be a horse any chance she gets. She loves to draw and create masterpieces (which she gives away) as well as play with her sisters and church friends.

In October of this year, we were supposed to attend the annual conference with the other international pastors and leaders of New Life Community Churches. In the end, we weren't allowed to travel because we didn't have the yellow fever vaccine in time. It was disappointing, but it was also a good reminder that the Lord knows what He is doing. His plans are perfect even if we don't understand the change of plans; He does what is best for us. He is asking us to "Be still and know that [He] is God."

This year has provided a lot of other wonderful opportunities for Daniel to connect with other pastors and leaders of Peru. Groups of pastors gather each month to pray for each other and the people of Lima, to study the word, and to dream of ways to work together sharing the love of Jesus with this city. It has been very encouraging and life-giving for Daniel to grow in deeper relationship with these pastors.

In August, we enjoyed a visit from two international New Life pastors from Spain and Mexico. They spent a few days with our family, church, and leadership. We were all very encouraged by their love, wisdom, and time.

Daniel had the opportunity to interpret for a pastor friend in September during a trip to the highlands for a week. They connected with and encouraged several pastors, churches, and families in the area.



Discipleship group in San Juan



Nueva Vida 1st Sunday in new location



New Life pastors visit



Daniel interpreting in highlands

# Nueva Vida Jima

This year has brought some changes to our church family. We've said a lot of goodbyes, and also received several new people. There are new leaders stepping up and growing in their gifts to serve the church. Our small groups have really grown in relationship together as we share life and study God's word.

We spent a great year growing deeper in community while we met in our first floor apartment. It was a special space that we used for Sunday services, church family lunches, mid-week meetings, etc. However, we felt that the Lord was closing that season and asking the church to move again. The space was perfect for a season of growing deeper in relationship with each other, but because of its size, it didn't provide much space or opportunity to reach those in the neighborhood.



Daniel's childhood neighborhood

So, we've started renting a preschool around the corner from our house that has a nice large outdoor patio and a couple of smaller rooms. We're excited for this new way to connect more with the community. Our first Sunday there was on October 22.

Please pray for new connections with our neighbors through the preschool and for more people to experience the love of Jesus through our community as we move our small groups to homes around the neighborhood.

An important part of our vision and calling as believers in Jesus, but also specifically as a church in the New Life Community network, is to multiply.

Lately, the Lord has provided some really sweet times for Daniel and his dad to have deep conversations about faith. They have started meeting weekly to read the word and start a discipleship book.

Please pray with us as we discern how the Lord would like us to be more involved and deepen relationships in that area.

## Prayer and Support

#### Here are some ways that you can pray:

- Family
- · New and lasting friendships for each of the girls
- Nueva Vida Lima
- Wisdom, creativity, and direction as we lead the church and leadership team
- Pray for the next Nueva Vida to rise up, possibly in Daniel's childhood neighborhood. Also pray for disciples to make disciples within our church family.

#### **Financial Needs:**

- Please prayerfully consider joining our monthly support team. The cost
  of living has skyrocketed here in Lima, so we're asking for support to
  cover our daily needs. We would also love to expand our budget for
  health insurance, a car, more opportunities for hospitality, special
  learning activities for the girls, etc.
- If you are looking for where to give your end-of-year donation, please prayerfully consider giving towards what the Lord is doing here in Lima.



Daniel and the girls

Thank you so much for the ways that you have walked with us here in Lima. The Lord is using your prayers and support to change lives!

Blessings and love, The Herold family Daniel, Mary, Eliana, Adela, Isa, and Cappuccino

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