

WBI Update

Fall 2021



"Serving the least of these..."

2021 Has been a Challenging Year

Our Ministry marches on Covid or not! Our family's needs have increased (huge need for food and rent assistance, as all families have "informal" jobs). Since the lockdown in March 2020 due to Covid, our team has had to be creative in meeting those needs. I am so thankful for our team that we have in Peru! They have been able to continue the ministry, albeit different, without skipping a beat. One of our main goals for our Jasiel program in Lima is to build community. We want to build a community for

the participants, where they feel that they belong and have friends and people who love and care about them. We want to build community for the moms, as they need to have a place to belong, and to have others who understand their struggles and to walk alongside them. We also want to build community within our team, a place where they can serve God and the disability community with others who are like-minded. This has been a challenge this year, but

our team has prevailed! Using What's App (like FaceTime) and Zoom they have been able to "meet" virtually with those families that have the technology to do so. The moms' group have faithfully met all year and are doing a weekly bible study. The participants get the lessons and crafts delivered to their homes and then they have a group lesson once a week. Currently it is summer in South America so they can now gather outside, and our team had taken advantage of that to meet when they

can. They have even had several new families join Jasiel!! Covid has hit Peru very hard and they have many more rules related to masks, travel, and public gatherings than we have had in the US. They have a different variant in South America called the Lambda Variant. Their hospitals remain overwhelmed. They do have easy access to vaccines
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Looking forward to 2022



Without a doubt, the past 2 years have been challenging and unexpected. We have seen tremendous courage from our teams in Peru as the needs have increased all the while dealing with lockdowns and limited supplies. Sue and I decided it was not safe for our people in Peru for us to travel to Peru in 2021. Covid is still

a major health risk, crime because of economic shutdowns has increased, and a new President has stirred the pot of unrest. Being mindful that our presence increases some risks to both us and our teams while we are in country, we decided that as much as we miss our friends and ministry partners, it was best to put off

travel until 2022. Our WBI-Peru headquarters is almost finished, after a year break from shutdowns, and the ministry continues to grow. We look forward to being able to bring teams from the US down to experience what God is doing in Peru through WBI. Thanks again for your prayers and support as we look forward to 2022.

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El Missionero, aka the "Missionary Car"

In early 2019, we purchased a 1992 Toyota station wagon aptly named El Missionero to use for the Jasiel ministry in Lima. The car got its' name for two reasons--we bought it from a missionary friend and lots of prayer is needed to make sure we get to our destination without an issue of some sorts. Up until then, we relied on friends, friends of friends and hired drivers to get us from point A to point B. The price was right and it has served us well over the past few years, especially with COVID increasing the need to do more home visits. We have used it to deliver wheelchairs

A letter from the Executive Director...

to children in need, bags of food to families and general transportation for the ministry. Recently, we decided to invest \$1000 in a new engine to increase the odds of getting around without an issue and to get maybe few more years of service. Our long-term goal is to determine what type of vehicle will best replace El Missionero as the ministry grows and to sell El Mis-

sionero. We are thankful to all you that have supported WBI and El Missionero and look forward to the future and how God provides.

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-albeit you must be careful as there are many people making "fake" vaccines- and so far, our team has remained healthy. I am so proud of our team! If Covid had hit even one year earlier, I don't think they would have been prepared to be so flexible. Jim and I have not been able to travel to Peru since March of 2020. We miss them terribly.



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