



# Message Ministries & Missions Inc.

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Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas to you as you celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord, who truly is the greatest gift ever given to the world, out of the depths of God’s love for us. He is Emmanuel, God with us and He truly is with us and loves and cares deeply about all of us! I recently returned from Peru and with Hector Del Carpio and distributed the Christmas Blessing Project Funds to the churches and ministries there. I’d like to share one story with you from the trip that not only inspired me, but also made me realize how fortunate we are to have people like you standing with us. Your gifts are God’s provision that enable us to help those in need!

We were invited by Pastor Panfilo to visit the ministry that his daughter Luz and husband Guillermo have to the children and families in Bolegnesi, an area in Callao. This is a very poor area lined with humble homes with no running water or sewer system. We arrived on a Sunday morning and were greeted by the hugs and smiles of the very welcoming children. I couldn’t help but notice the cardboard roof sagging from the ceiling of the very rustic little church, which is actually part of their home designated for ministry to the people of their neighborhood. As the ministry began, I stood in the front corner and watched as the children clapped and sang to the voices coming from the puppets and later as Luz and Guillermo led them in praise songs. Then I observed as the feeding ministry began with each child getting a handful of popcorn placed in their hands along with a small cup of juice, which is all they could afford to give. They even gave to the people outside the door that couldn’t get in because of lack of space. There was a deep sense of God’s presence and love that permeated the atmosphere. I knew God was smiling in heaven at what these dear servants were doing for these precious children.



When the ministry time was over, we said our goodbyes to the children and their mothers and were invited into their home next door for a chicken dinner. As I sat there with Hector and the family, I felt overwhelmingly grateful to be among these humble servants of God who had such a passion for the Lord and for the people that God loves. They didn’t ask us for anything as they served us and we ate, but we knew God was asking us for something. He was asking us to step out in faith and to partner with them in their ministry! Luz and Guillermo are the kind of people we love to meet and work with in missions. They have little materially but are rich in spirit and are willing to share the little they do have with those in need. Hector and I agreed at the same time we needed to give them some of the Christmas Blessing Project funds but also needed to make a commitment to help fund their feeding program and ministry. A small step of faith compared to the sacrifices this family makes every day to live and serve in this area. For us it would have been harder to walk away and do nothing than to offer a helping hand.



In closing, let me say that we at Message Ministries and Missions thank God for you this Christmas! It has been your prayers and your gifts over the past year that have helped us to give to many in need, not only the food that sustains physical life but also the food of God’s word that sustains the spirit and brings Eternal Life to many. We also send thanks from the indigenous pastors, ministry workers, children and their families in Peru and India, that are now receiving gifts this Christmas through the Christmas Blessing Project. We’ll send pictures in January!

In His service, 