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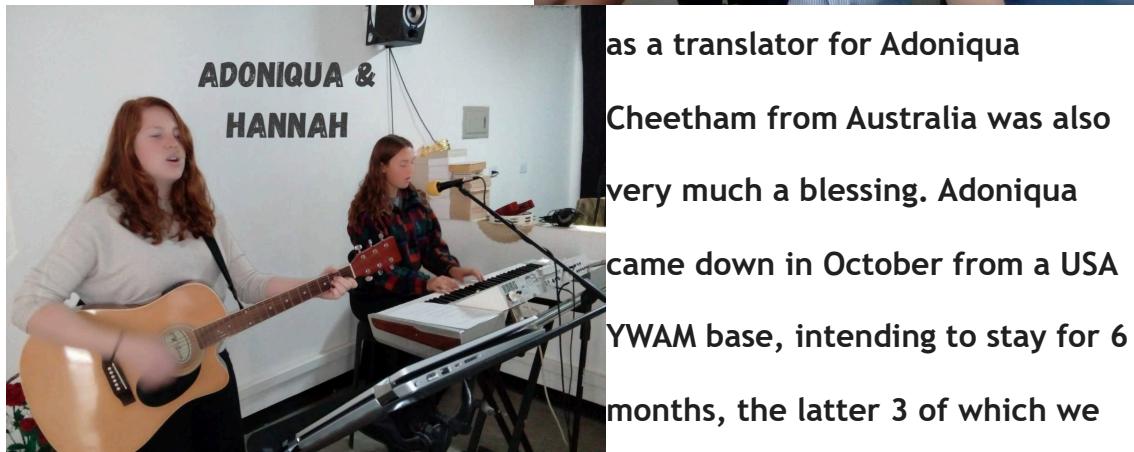
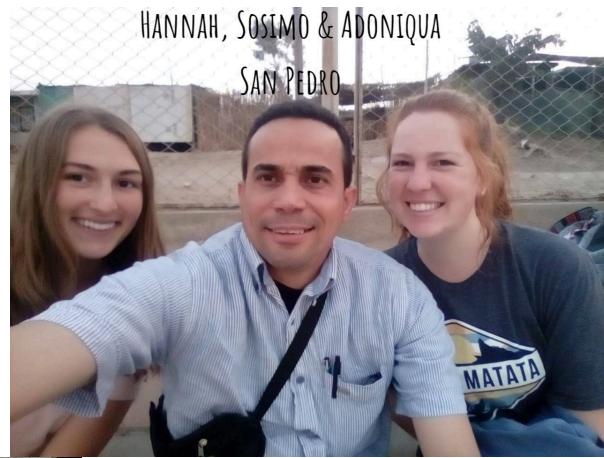
Hello family, friends and supporters of LAMA Ministry, La Misión & YWAM Ica, Peru. Thank you so much for your support and encouraging words over the holidays. We launch a new year and are making a few changes. We hope to get these newsletters out every other month and make them a bit shorter. For our newsletters of last year (and a few prior) please visit [this link](#). (For a good overview of what our mission activities look like any given week or throughout the year, please click on our La Mision webpage [link](#) which kind of goes over what we do down here on a regular basis.)



2019 end of year - Before 2019 ended, there were many different visitors to the Mission before we returned in January. Hannah Martin, our newly baptised (March 2019) Canadian student made a 2nd mission visit for a few months (late September through mid-November. While she was

there, she was quite helpful and handy with the staff (as always) and the children ministry which she loves.

Hannah's presence at the mission



as a translator for Adoniqua Cheetham from Australia was also very much a blessing. Adoniqua came down in October from a USA YWAM base, intending to stay for 6 months, the latter 3 of which we would be with her. Hannah and

Adoniqua were a great team with our resident staff. Adoniqua even trained Hannah to play many chords on the piano so they were quite active not just with the children's ministry but also with worship.

Sadly, Hannah had to return to Canada in November. In December, Mikayla Wanner, an American YWAM graduate, arrived after traveling through Central America. Mikayla joined the team during the quiet period with the children, which Christmas ministry starts to slow down for a bit.





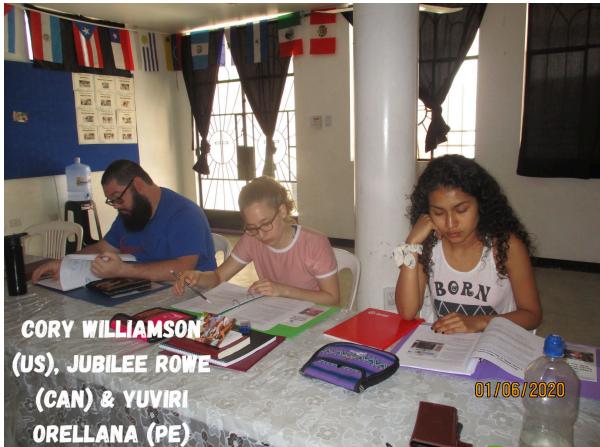
But we never let a Christmas pass without a party for the children and the regular families that call La Misión their home. We also had visiting Paulah Wrmk from Poland, although only for a 3 day stay. Paulah has been making the circuit around Peru and came to visit during Christmas and to help out with the children's party.



It's also important to point out the expansion of the volunteers at La Misión, beyond our very active Barriga family (Sosimo, Yanniret & Daniel Samuel). Also, known as the "4 A's", we have Alexander and Alba, a 2nd married couple from Venezuela; with Angie, who has been with us for a good half year now, and Arron, a local pre-med student from Lima area. This expanded team of locals, joining Angie's sister Gabriela and a few more youthful volunteers (Rodrigo & Yannilu), we are starting to form a fantastic team of local volunteers here at the mission. And that is how we finished out 2019.

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2020 - Our full intention this year in Peru was to have our second YWAM Discipleship Training School (DTS), but we were not as successful in gaining enrollments as we would have liked. We are setting up our next one for June 2021. We also had a wonderful participation of two previously mentioned YWAMer, Adoniqua & Mikayla to assist as well.



Cory Williamson from Illinois, who we had met in the USA in August joined us, mainly to work at the mission. The YWAM class was just a bonus to him. Cory comes from a youth pastor background and wanted to explore what our

mission was all about

Jubilee Rowe from eastern Canada came with great musical gifts and a desire to have a great DTS experience. Our own local Yuviri of Peru (we had fun with these two girls names) who grew up in the local village where the mission sits, was also a student. Yuviri was baptized at the mission last year with Hannah.



We blended in our village ministry, with the class, just as we did last year and all students loved working with the children.



However, Yuviri got a chance of a lifetime, after only a week in class, to get a hard to achieve full scholarship for college and she needed to leave the DTS. So, after 4 weeks of students and teachers, we shut down the school and made some commitments for 2021 to repeat our efforts in June.

Before January was over a big part of our missionary team (Angie, Yannirett, Arron, Alva and Alexander) went to Ica for special training offered by a Texas team, teaching skills in puppetry, mime, clowns and drama. It was 3 days of training and 3 days of execution with our own villages that we serve. A lot of evangelism fun with the children giving new bible based moral grounding



teachings.

As we rolled into February, Cory became a very strategic integrated team member with the village kids.

Our ministry team started working up different weekly skits for the children, with the addition of Cory to the team.

Cory took on many roles (Samson, discouraged brother to prodigal son, Moses, Daniel, and more) ... Cory was quite the actor and they really enjoyed working with him and the kids love the plays. Cory and the full

team have been quite active in all of the villages we support. Here are some individual 2020 photo albums for:

- [Altura](#)
- [El Carmen](#) / Invacion
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Cory's spanish is far beyond where I am as well (everyone passes me), as he has had ministry trips to Chile, Mexico and Dominican Republic in prior years. Cory is focused to be with us through June at this time, but he is keeping his options open.

Since March is upon us (I will avoid writing about it till our next newsletter)we have a lot on our plate going forward.

PRAYER NEEDS: So much above that we need your prayers for. Having a great group of volunteers is an excellent answer to prayer, as we will be able to do more.

1. As we do more also brings more cost of supplies, resources, (the new vehicle's operation), utilities, building repairs, expansion, etc.
2. Please pray for God's guidance and direction with incoming teams, partners, churches that we work with,
3. A **construction fund** for another needy family,
4. For financial and material help for some of the **orphans** in the village, we are starting both a pen/pal program as well as a **sponsorship program** and have several children waiting to be sponsored. \$50/ month will provide clothes, shoes, food, school supply (books, notebooks, art supply, projects, etc.), after school tutoring, and more. To do this sort

of program, we need a 'paid' staff person or two, rather than working with rotating group of volunteers.

5. A **scholarship fundg** for local youth to attend DTS.
6. **More self-supporting resident staff.** We could easily use 4 to 6 more volunteers,
7. Raising funds for **local staff.**
8. For **another pastoral couple** to run the ministry along with the current pastoral couple.
9. For a **youth pastor** to run the youth program and funds to purchase furniture, equipment, games, for the teens. As well as recruiting missionary staff/teachers to teach English, music sports, etc.
10. Pay off our outstanding **construction debt** of \$40,000. We spent \$250,000 in the construction of 2 earthquake proofed masonry buildings of about 5,000 Square feet total. We save much using our personal expertise avoiding also the construction management fee.
11. Funding for **new debt** of adding another needed floor (900 sq ft) in the 2nd building, this will probably add \$20,000 to our debt.
12. Purchase a 5-acre farm land nearby the mission for \$30,000 to build a **school or training center.**

If you are interested in any of our programs, projects, activities, if your church has interest in joining us and focusing on an area of need, please let us know or, even better, come and visit our mission. All donations are tax deductible and your yearly given receipt will be mailed in January 2021.

Needless to say, we can only do this with your prayers, your support,. We would love you to come and participate with our mission in any way possible, come yourself, send someone else, contribute to someone else's missionary trip or work, service needs, etc. In summary, we need your help to continue to make progress with these wonderful people and to show the love of Jesus is not just an occasional visit, but is a vibrant ministry and mission among them.

Please continue to bless us with your tax-deductable donation, and share this message with others that might be interested in what we do. To make it easier to give you can donate on line via paypal.me/lamaministry or regular check made to LAMA and mail it to below address. (Please also use the sharing options below to help to spread our message to others.) Together we can accomplish much and make a difference in some child, youth, the elderly or family life. Giving is so much more rewarding than receiving. Help us fulfill the great commission by making disciples and spreading the gospel (Matthew 28:19-20)

Thank you very much for your help, support and prayers. We like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a continually blessed New Year.

"The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few!" Luke 10:2

In Jesus Name,

William & Lily

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