

# Connecting You with Mission Perú!

...Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?...  
Here am I; send me. (Isaiah 6:8)

*Giving of thanks and praise:*

## It's the Holiday Season

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A time of joy and a time for giving thanks. A time for renewed hope in a coming season of anticipation. The holiday season is the best, am I right!?!



Don't get me wrong, I love summer and warm as much as the next person. I'm not a fan of cold weather, but I am a fan of cozy sweaters and tea; of hot chocolate and warm nights in with friends and family; and of not feeling like I'm making up excuses to curl up in a blanket with my mug and a book at 5:30pm. It's dark outside...it's reading time!

Talking with the team in Lima, I was reminded not only is it getting warmer there, but being that close to the equator means the daylight hours don't change dramatically like they do here in Idaho. I'm choosing to see that to mean, more reading-time year round! Ha!

The holiday season in Lima looks and feels a bit different on the outside. Patio furniture and Christmas decorations go on sale at the same time. But inside, I can imagine the same feelings ring true. Gathering with friends and family to celebrate the joy of thanksgiving and the hope of a coming savior.

One of my joys this season is a side effect of my temporarily moving back home: I get to spend a lot more time with my immediate family. My parents were gracious enough to create a studio-style space for my sister and her family when they moved back to the area last year and

were building a home. Now I get to stay here while I'm between sold-house and deploying to Lima. I will cherish the time we are spending together now that I am just out the door or a few minutes down the street.



My nephews especially are enjoying having Aunt Nichi around. Skipping "school" (daycare) to hang out at Nana's house seems pretty cool! Plus, I'm an artist and designer, so when you leave me to my own devices for too long, something new is going to be created. So far this fall, we've painted canvases for bedroom art and sewn backpacks to cart toys to and from "school", drawn pictures and written songs.

Having lived apart for many years now, I'm grateful for the opportunity to share this holiday season with my family in Idaho and with the friends I meet sharing my story around the Pacific Northwest over the coming weeks before going to join the team in Perú.

I'm cherishing the season I'm in and looking forward to what is to come. A true season of joy and anticipation.

**God is good!**

## LINKED TO LIMA: UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

### Celebrating Six New Members at La Misión de Perú!

Pastor Hosch says, “[It] was a very special night for us here in Perú. We confirmed 2 adults and 4 young ladies during our regular Worship service. Praise God for this opportunity and keep these 6 new members in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith as part of Castillo Fuerte and La Misión Luterana de Perú.”

Here are some photos of the celebration from the team in Lima:



### Giving Thanks with Friends in Lima!

Americans living in Peru have a bit of a challenge to find traditional fixings. The Dukes share their plans: “Here’s a photo of some of the “makings” for our from-scratch Thanksgiving pumpkin pie. The spice bottles give a scale to the smallest pumpkin and pie plate we have ever used. As soon as we can find shortening, we’ll be ready to bake. We’ll be sharing some very small pieces of pie when 15 of us gather on Dec. 3 to celebrate Thanksgiving with the whole mission team and supporters of the mission from the U.S...”



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Invite me to speak at your church, advent service, or holiday event today!

- December 9, 2017 Ladies Christmas Brunch, Zion - Nampa, ID
- December 10, 2017 Trinity Lutheran Church, Grangeville, ID
- December 13, 2017 Moscow Lutheran Church, Moscow, ID
- December 17, 2017 Available - Contact me today to schedule a visit!
- December 24, 2017 Immanuel Lutheran Church, New Plymouth, ID
- December 31, 2017 Available - Contact me today to schedule a visit!
- January 7, 2018 Shepherd of the Hills, Cascade, ID
- January 7, 2018 Our Savior Lutheran, McCall, ID
- January 13, 2018 LWML Christ Lutheran Church, Meridian, ID
- January 14, 2018 Available - Contact me today to schedule a visit!
- January 21, 2018 Friendship Celebration, Meridian, ID
- January 28, 2018 Available - Contact me today to schedule a visit!

## 'tis the SEASON... For Giving!

fill the heart ♥♥♥ fill the heart ♥♥♥ fill the heart ♥♥♥ fill the heart

You can help send me to Perú.

Plus, it's TAX-DEDUCTIBLE!

Submit your year-end donation today:  
Click the "donate" button or go to [lcms.org/dykema](http://lcms.org/dykema)

Sharing the Love of God in Lima



*Before I can start planning to deploy to the field, I'm working to build my support network to sustain me on the field. I need a team of people like you praying for me and supporting my mission financially.*

### WILL YOU PRAY ABOUT JOINING MY SENDING TEAM?

Even small monthly donations mean lots of support for me in Lima.

\$10/month = \$240 total support!

**\$50/month = \$1200 (nearly 1% of my goal!)**

\$100/month = \$2,400 total support!

**With 70% of my goal to go,  
it would take just 80 new senders at \$50/mo to send  
me to Lima!**

[www.lcms.org/givenow/dykema](http://www.lcms.org/givenow/dykema)

or mail to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod;  
P.O. Box 66861; St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Make checks payable to *The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*.  
Include in the memo line: "Support of Peru—Dykema"

## I ALWAYS THANK MY GOD FOR YOU... (1 CORINTHIANS 1:4)

*Read more on my blog: [humblyinlove.blogspot.org](http://humblyinlove.blogspot.org)*

### St John Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls

What a warm welcome and encouraging support! Thank you so much for inviting me to share with you about how we are sharing the gospel in Lima. I'm so honored for your prayers and support!

### Hope Lutheran Church & School, Idaho Falls

Thank you, members of Hope and kids at Hope School for inviting me to share how I've been called to serve the Lord in Lima! It was great to see you, and I'm grateful for your prayers!

### Grace Lutheran Church, Caldwell, ID

To my dear friends of Grace Lutheran Church, thank you from the bottom of my heart! I am so excited to partner with you as a Together In Mission (TIM) congregation. I am honored and blessed to have your support for my ministry and sharing the gospel in Lima. And I'm hopeful I will see some of you on a short-term team soon!

### Beautiful Savior LWML, Boise

Thank you to the lovely ladies at Beautiful Savior for becoming a TIM partner! I am honored and grateful for your prayers and the commitment to support my mission! I am so looking forward to sharing this journey with you!

### Grace Lutheran Concordia Circle/LWML

Thank you to the amazing ladies at Grace for becoming a TIM partner! I am so happy to be sharing this journey with you and I am honored to have your prayers and support! I look forward to sharing this journey with you!