Serving Christ and the People of Peru

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I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20



Faculty and Staff of Pioneer Christian School

Hello everyone!

I hope you had a Merry Christmas celebrating the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. I praise God for allowing me to come back to the States for a few weeks to spend time with family and friends. God has been working in Peru these past few months, and I hope you enjoy reading about it.

In October, Pioneer Christian School had its spring break. The faculty and staff spent a few days outside of the city for our annual retreat. We enjoyed spending time together. We prayed for our school, the students and each other. We learned a lot from the classes that were given. It was a physically relaxing and spiritually refreshing time.

As soon as I got back from the retreat, I went on a mission trip to a very small coastal town in the northern part of Lima. It was only for a few days, but it was a great time sharing the truth of the gospel with the people there. We shared the gospel in the main square of the city, had a children's program in a park close to the church, and hosted special church services at night. I pray that God continue to work in the hearts of the people in this small costal town.



Witnessing in the main square



Sharing the gospel during the children's program



Birthday celebrations with the 5th grade class



"How Do We Know Christianity Is True?" Pioneer Christian's Youth Conference



A senior helping his 6th grade friend before the Christmas evangelistic outreach



"Joy to the World" preformed by the musical talent at Pioneer Christian's Christmas program

In November, Pioneer Christian School hosted its second annual youth conference. This year, over 100 people came to hear about "How Do We Know Christianity Is True?" So many Christian teenagers are getting ready to step out into the secular college world. The pressure they will feel from their professors and classmates to question the Christian faith is indescribable. It is vital that they learn to be strong in what the Bible says. The purpose of these conferences is to do just that. We want to help them so they are able to defend their faith. We hope that the next generation will be equipped with the knowledge and wisdom they need in order to be lights in this dark world. In today's world that won't be an easy thing for them to accomplish.

After that, things started getting busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. By God's grace and my friends' help, I was able to prepare a little Thanksgiving meal for my 80 students. They were thankful for the turkey, mashed potatoes, and carrot cupcakes, especially after hearing the story of the first winter the Pilgrims had to endure. My favorite part of the day is listening to what they are thankful for. It is always a joy to hear them thank God for their salvation, their home in Heaven, or for Jesus dying on the cross for their sins. Even at a young age, they understand that those eternal gifts are far more valuable than the temporary ones we enjoy here on this earth. I pray that they would continue to keep that focus for years to come and that their desire to lay up treasures in Heaven would grow.

A week after our Thanksgiving celebration, we jumped right into Christmas. Every year, the junior high and high school students do an evangelistic Christmas outreach to the churches on the outskirts of the city. This year, we went to three churches to bring some Christmas joy and more importantly the message of the true meaning of Christmas to the kids in these areas. This year, I went with the 6th graders and the senior class. The sixth graders had never been involved in the Christmas outreach before, so they were all a little nervous. The senior class really stepped up and worked with them, helping them know what to do during the program. It was a healthy reminder that it is not only important to see that these children accept Christ as

their Savior, and make sure that they learn how to share their faith with unbelievers, but it is necessary that they help other believers do the same.

<u>Prayer request for January, February, and March:</u>

- 1. Please pray for safety as I travel in the States and for my trip back to Peru.
- 2. Please pray for the mission trip to Cusco during the first week of February.
- 3. Please pray for a new church that will be starting in February.
- 4. Please pray for the start of the 2025 school year at the beginning of March.

Thank you for all of your prayers, words of encouragement, and financial support.



The sixth grade girls sharing the gospel with these children at the Christmas evangelistic outreach