



# Empowering Missionaries in Latin America

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-and very confusing and difficult circumstances, missionaries have found a way to be salt in light in their communities. Here are some of their stories:

**Jason and Sarah, Peru:**

*A local pastor and friend of mine, Coco, has generously shared with me 40 bags filled with food. I was able to distribute 20 yesterday in Ciudad de Dios and hope to distribute the rest on Thursday. Please pray that God would use these to advance the gospel and to help those who receive them to know that He provides.*

**Steven and Jen, Peru:**

*Jen and I have been able to help out with a food packing ministry for families in need as well as many Venezuelan refugees. This ministry took place in Arequipa, Peru in the Yanahuara district. ...Each week, we bag food consisting of potatoes, rice, lentils, milk, spaghetti, beans, sugar and tuna to go out to families in need of food during this time of quarantine.*

**Stephanie and Todd, Peru:**

*We were able to help buy a coffin and bury a friend who was slated to be sent to the mass unmarked COVID grave out on the highway. His family wasn't able to afford it but with some help, they were able to get him released and sent to the city cemetery.*

**Art and Vicki, Mexico:**

*Church members have also donated extra funds towards these food baskets and for basic needs. (Right now, it's on an "as needed" basis.) Since March 23rd, we have shared 28 food baskets as well as diapers, baby formula, and cooking gas. These have gone to both Christian and non-Christian families--paid for exclusively with funds from our Mexican church family and a Mexican neighbor. Some of these folks are rather poor themselves, so they give out of their poverty.*

**Pete and Emily, Mexico:**

*During this pandemic, nearly all of the 5000 plus people in these areas are out of work, and they have been for about a month now. These are day-laborers in the informal economy (those who clean houses, work the local trash dump, do yard work, sell homemade food door to door, or wash windows at stoplights) and as such, they have no cushion. If there is no work, there is no food. As a community, the Ranch (a TEAM camp ministry) has begun assembling and delivering food baskets. We have delivered more than 200 in the past 2 weeks, and this week we will be delivering 200 more.*

Helping, guiding, caring for, and motivating missionaries like these are why we are here in the United States at this time. We really appreciate your ongoing generous support during these uncertain times, especially as we realize that the global economy has been hit hard. Thank you.

## 2. Becky

Early in the pandemic Becky finished her clinical rotations and came to live with us, which has been a tremendous blessing. However, the of major life events scheduled for this time have changed. Instead of graduating with her Doctorate of Physical Therapy in Boston with all her class, she will be named "Doctor" in a virtual ceremony in our little apartment here in Fort Mill. We are planning a small family celebration on Saturday.

Similarly, she was going to take her Physical Therapy licensing exam in Philadelphia in April. Thankfully, that event has only been postponed to May 23 and she was able to change the venue to Charlotte. She is studying hard for this test and working hard to keep all the information fresh during this time.

The biggest change is that her wedding planned for June 27th will now be an immediate family-only event held on Jeremy's parents front porch. They are planning to have their reception next year on the same date. This change has prompted them to ask me to marry them, a blessing and an honor for me.

Please pray for Becky during this time.



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