

The Romanis IN PERU



Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

Greetings from Lima! We take this opportunity to share our gratitude for all the ways the Lord has worked in our ministry this last trimester. Through every joy and trial, He has shown Himself faithful, present, and sufficient.

October was a particularly full month of ministry. Giorgio had the privilege of traveling to Cusco to teach in a pastors' training module alongside a guest pastor, Pastor Shipman. It was a rich time of teaching, encouragement, and fellowship with Andean leaders serving faithfully in their local churches. In addition, the Lord opened doors for preaching at a youth conference in Huancayo, where we were encouraged to see young people eager to grow in their faith.

In the weeks that followed, the ministry of training nationals continued. Giorgio was able to preach at a pastors' training module in Iquitos, the Amazon jungle in Perú, and later, in December, minister in Quillabamba. Each place reminded us again of the great need for sound teaching and the deep hunger for God's Word across Peru. We are continually humbled by the opportunities the Lord gives to serve His church in different regions of the country.

This trimester also brought a very difficult season for our church family. During the construction of the church building, a tragic accident occurred that brought all work to a sudden halt for several weeks. One of our volunteers had a tragic accident on the church property and passed away. This event deeply affected the entire young church and led us to a time of collective mourning, prayer, and seeking the Lord's will and guidance. It has also brought significant legal and financial challenges. We are trusting God through it all, and we kindly ask you to pray for us and for this young church. After careful review by architects, engineers, and legal counsel, we were eventually given permission to move forward with some basic aspects of the construction.

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Even in the midst of sorrow, we see God quietly at work in our local church, sustaining hearts, guiding His people, and drawing others to Himself. While our hearts remain heavy, we are grateful for the gentle ways the Lord continues to strengthen His church. For this, we humbly give Him the glory. We continue to rejoice in the place the Lord has provided. We still pray for the day when we will be able to meet there regularly as a church family. For now, we were able to adapt the space to hold our New Year's celebration, which was a sweet and hopeful milestone. There is still much work to be done, especially on the second floor where the children's ministry will meet, before weekly services can take place.

Another great encouragement this trimester has been seeing the Lord work in the life of a young woman from our church who has sensed a calling to missionary service in the Middle East. She has recently embarked on a survey trip to Kurdistan, Lebanon, and Jordan. God touched the hearts of His people and provided what was needed to help cover the cost of her tickets. We praise God for raising up workers and ask for wisdom, protection, and clarity as she seeks His direction.

This season has also been personal and challenging for our family. Vincenzo experienced a serious asthma crisis and was hospitalized for four days, and Vienna has been facing some health challenges that we are trusting God to help us manage. Amid these trials, we also celebrated Luca's seventh birthday on a soccer field, surrounded by friends, rejoicing in the little victories and blessings along the way.

As we close this season, we thank God for His faithfulness and continued provision. Thank you for standing with us in prayer, financially, and through your encouragement. We are truly grateful for your partnership.

In Christ,
The Romani Family
Giorgio, Janna, Vienna, Vincenzo, and Luca Romani

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