



News from  
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Dear friends and supporters,

We are writing with sincere greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ with news of our ministry at Santiago Apostol Mission church in Arequipa, Peru.

Over the last few months we have been working very hard to finish off the church building. It is located quite a way from the city of Arequipa and as you can see it is in a newly populated, very poor area. Thanks to your financial support, prayers and encouraging messages we feel very encouraged and and motivated to keep on working to help people here to experience the love of the Lord Jesus in a personal way.

We are determined to make the building attractive and to help those who use it to feel welcome and to be able to worship and hear the gospel in appropriate surroundings. A month ago we celebrated the eight year anniversary of the start of the mission work here and had a good number attending, including some new visitors.

We are hoping that the community will continue to grow, and I am translating and contextualising materials from the Alpha Course and courses on Exploring Christianity and our Christian Identity, with my daughter Helen's help. Over the next few weeks we plan to start running the different groups. Plans for the future include holding four annual weekend retreats to help our people to experience Christ in a personal way.

**Please pray:**

- That the Lord to give me strength and boldness to announce the Gospel to everyone attending courses
- For sufficient funding to run the four annual retreats and for the materials and equipment needed
- That we will be able to install the plumbing and sanitation needed at Santiago Apostol in due course
- On a personal note, please pray for my wife Doris. She has had two urgent operations over the past few months. We thank God that she is recovering well. We firmly believe that he worked a miracle in her life and give him all the glory.

May God bless you all, your families and your work. I remember you in my prayers every morning.  
Yours in him

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## Photos from Alejandro:

The church and surrounding area:



Recent anniversary celebration at St James Apostle



Working on the church building:





From the outside:



Bishop Henry Scriven with two great ministers!

