

# The Wollbrinks

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*“My life was an unending cycle of guilt, pain, and frustration. Then I was invited to this church- and Jesus shined his light into my heart. Today I want to tell the world that I believe in Christ and want to follow him with my life!” - Giudelia Paneagua*

This past weekend as I stood in the cold baptism pool, I realized that for the second time this year, I didn't even know the names of all the people that had signed up to be baptized! **This year has been a year of growth.** Since we stepped out in faith in March to bring Pastors Jose and Carlos on to our full time staff, we have seen much growth in personal evangelism, visitation, and new believers. Each month we see a steady stream of new people come into the church and it seems like **someone receives Christ nearly every week through one these ministries.** I'm amazed to say that we have **baptized 40+ believers** and there are still more signed up for baptism before year end.



## Mujer de Vida

Last year God put a vision into my wife's heart to start a women's ministry. She spent nearly the entire year simply working on discipling and training a small leadership team. This year in February they started their first monthly conference/event. It has been amazing to see how they decorate, invite, and prepare every detail and how passionate they are about ministering to the needs of women in our community. Every month over 50 women gather to leave their hurts at the foot of the cross and learn how to Trust in the Father again. It has become the expectation to have several new women receive Christ every month! Many of them are now attending the church and even bringing their families.



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## Club Creativo

For years we struggled with building a healthy worship team. Finding talent, or bringing in talented people that didn't align with our church culture and leadership always seemed to be a problem. However, this year God gave us the idea to build our own talent farm. We started offering music and media classes to 10-16 year old's in our church and community. After 6 months of classes, we hand selected 12 teens to become a part of our School of worship. Every week they meet to learn music, as well as biblical principles to form a heart that worships the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. I am excited to say that my oldest two sons (Santi and Caleb) both are a part of this team! Continue to pray for their spiritual growth as the teens now lead worship for both our Saturday and Sunday services.



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## Instituto FDV

After 9 years in Peru and many struggles to form stable leaders, we realized that a customized approach was needed. We formed an Instituto where we teach three tracks; spiritual growth, personal growth, and professional growth. These classes have been a source for centralized discipleship where we have seen over 30 adults become more established this year.



We plan to make this a key stepping stone for all believers that desire to grow into leadership.

## Outreach

Christmas time is coming! In Peru that means one of our best opportunities for evangelistic outreaches. Last year we were able to reach out to 3 local communities and give gifts to over 700 children as well as preach the gospel to their families. This year we plan to reach two neighborhoods in our community, take a team to the Andes mountains to reach an unreached village, as well as support our missionaries works on the amazon river. We are even supporting one of our pastors (Jose Manuel Estrado) to travel to Venezuela to do a similar outreach project in his hometown!

**We would love your prayers and financial support for this project** as we coordinate over 50 volunteers and all the logistics over the next few weeks.



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## Family:

As you can imagine it has been an incredibly busy year. Nearly everything we are doing has required constant creation of new programs, courses, and leadership training – mostly from scratch. This process has been rewarding yet very tiring for our family. We did find time to enjoy some outings between ministry obligations including a short visit to Macchu Picchu. We also took some time to celebrate thanksgiving with our leadership team in Peru. I am excited to say that there were more than double the amount of people at our table this year than there were last year. This was a time to introduce South Americans to our family tradition- eating pie!



In the midst of the busyness and demands of the last few months our updates have fallen through the cracks. We apologize to each of you for this and promise to keep you more connected in the coming months. Watch for a year in review video update coming out next month!

*Blessings in Christ, The Wollbrink Family*

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