

The Wollbrinks

missionaries to Peru



“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19

Ministry update:

As we come into this new year, we look back on 2023 with thankfulness. There were great victories as well as some struggles, yet we can confidently say that we have seen God at work and continue to trust in him in this new year.

2023 Brought continued growth for Fuente de Vida and the ministry in Peru. Our focus this year was to build the leadership team in a way that they could then effectually do the ministry (and not depend completely on us). We did a school of worship program for the youth, who are now leading worship in both our Saturday and Sunday services. We also continued to train our pastors and deacons in preaching and teaching and let them spread their wings by preaching and teaching on a regular basis- with our supervision of course.

This helped make the ministry “their own”. Our women’s ministry continued to grow with my wife’s leadership and we saw dozens of new women come to Christ, many of which have brought their husbands and children to church.

Our institute gained new life as we launched new courses about New Testament, Biblical financial principals, and relationships. We were excited to see over 30 adult students participate in this in-house ministry.

The numbers:

-14 Teens graduated School of worship and served on Media team

-Women’s ministry and men’s ministry monthly events saw approximately 60 new believers

-32 new believers baptized in 2023



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-Average weekend attendance of 185



The church continued to grow to the point that both of our services fill up to an uncomfortable level... we have begun to pray and search for land of our own to build a bigger building on! **Pray with us for this in 2024!**

Family Update:

Do to long transits to school (road work), and busy schedules our family was wiped out tired by August. We were due for furlough, since our last furlough was October 2018-october 2019. We organized the leadership team and got our kids ahead at schooling to leave for the USA October 3rd.

Our desire and focus on this furlough time was to focus on re-connecting as a family, building up our unity and dreaming together for the future. Upon arriving however we got quite busy, organizing our housing and needed supplies, doing some hunting, and started travel right away.

In October we had the pleasure to take our oldest two sons and our staff from Fuente de Vida to a Spanish speaking church conference in Mexico city- this was a big encouragement!



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We then enjoyed participating in some mission conferences in Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska. During December we traveled to Texas for two weeks where we were able to visit a couple of churches and attend a marriage retreat that was a blessing for our family.

And the best part of all (as our daughter Sophia would say) was that when we got back to Illinois for the holidays, we got to see some snow just after Christmas!

Prayer requests:

- Pray for direction during this time as we pray about our future ministry plans in the coming year
- Pray for our team in Peru to catch God's vision for the work. We plan to go back possibly in February or March to check up on them, but we are confident God can use them
- Pray for our family to decompress, grow, and focus on hearing God's voice for the next season of ministry
- Pray for our parenting as we are now navigating the waters of raising two teenagers!
- Pray for our marriage to be protected and for us to grow together in God's vision

Thank you for your continued support! We appreciate you all!

Blessings in Christ, The Wollbrink Family

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