

Update: Day 5

Dearly Beloved and Longed For,

Sorry for any confusion. The update given this morning was supposed to be Day 4 (our meeting with the elders), this now is an update from yesterday.

We left in the morning after breakfast with Martin (pastor/host) for Surco (the central part of town... very metropolitan), in order to sort out practical things in regards to Matthew's visa. After a great run around for many hours all was settled, and we have an interview at the US embassy tomorrow morning at 8am, so please pray for us.

At one point Martin was down the street working some business out at the bank, and we were waiting for him outside on the street. The language barrier plus all of the people around and the perception of much iniquity and sexual perversion was building a great burden; thus we sat on the roadside and I began to pour out my heart before God for the city and Matthew agreed and followed with me in prayer. As we prayed, the burden of God descended very strongly, and also great liberty of the Spirit and boldness in the faith. I then arose and announced with much power, "¡Jesucristo es el Salvador! y Jesucristo es el Señor! El es no solamente Salvador... ¡Jesucristo es el Señor tambien! ¡Arrepentirse de sus pecados, y creamos en el nombre de Jesus!" And then I proceeded to preach in English. Brethren, it was as though the light of God's face shined down in that instant into that little street in the center of Lima and darkness fled! Praise!

Finally we ended up in a part of Lima called Mira Flores where we would be preaching in the evening at a park named after J.F.K... This just so happen to be the park where Paul Washer preached in that video of him open air preaching in Spanish. We got a coffee and sought the Lord for a couple of hours and then made our way to the park at 6pm. After prayer I began preaching with much grace by the Holy Ghost, and Martin translated some as well, but many were listening and able to understand (there are many tourists and English speakers in this area). It was truly blessed! I felt my heart burning that God indeed desires to save souls here and add them to the number of the brethren. Afterwards brother Matthew began preaching (with the Lord helping) near the amphitheater where many were able to hear the word. About this time (7:30) many of the brethren began to come. A couple (young man and woman) of what I thought to be Americans came and listened to Matthew for a couple of minutes, but then began to walk away, but I stopped them and asked if they spoke English. They answered yes and were interested to speak with me because I did as well. They were from Alberta, Canada. The man many times tried to offer some atheistically inclined sentiments, but the Lord would not let any of them prosper. I preached to them for some time on the new birth and the absolute miracle of it, and the young woman was more and more sobered and very much hanging on the words I was saying. The young man though left in somewhat of a flurry at the things I was saying, with a wounded conscience I trust. They told me they were just catching a cab to leave back for Canada. Pray that God impresses them much with this last conversation of their's in Lima. O! may God prosper this word to the salvation of their never-dying souls. Amen.

Later, I preached across the street in front of a huge catholic cathedral. As I was preaching two officers approached me to tell me I was too loud, but as I was speaking with them, I realized two men waiting to speak to me, so I was able to leave the officers and speak with these two men. They were both probably in their late twenties, but one was a very tall black man and one was a very small white man. They were from Miami, FL and asked where I was from and I told them Dallas. The tall black man knew a man that had a church that met under a bridge in Dallas and asked if I knew him, which I didn't. But I told him that when I lived in Waco that I knew if a church that met under a bridge. He then said that he is friends with a man that worked with that church in Waco named Matt Alexander. I was shocked because this man was my roommate when I first moved to Waco in 2007! I then had a place to preach effectually against the Christianity that I perceived they were in and show them the truth of the gospel. May God be praised!

Brother Matthew continued preaching more in the amphitheater and had much grace and a young man from the church, named Jonathan, translated for him. This led to a mighty appointment with a man who had heard Matthew preaching. This man spoke English and knew the things he was preaching was true and that he was going to hell and was set to go lock himself in his car and cry out to God to save him, and then to join the church when the Lord saves him.

Later, as I was walking and praying through the park, this man stopped me and asked if it was a Bible that I was holding to my chest? I said yes and we began to speak. I asked him if he was a Christian and he said, with much affection that he was. He then began to tell me his testimony, but then though it would be better if he took me over to his brethren that he was with because one of them spoke better English. This began to unfold over the next couple of hours into a mighty discovery of possible brethren! Martin and many of the brethren from the church here came over and began to examine them with many questions and many words, to see if they were indeed brethren. It was amazing. They have just began, they call themselves

"the church of Lima", they are just trying to follow the Bible, they have suffered persecution for the stands that they are taking, they are just trying to give themselves to the word of God and not to doctrines of men, etc. It was really shocking to us all.

Though it was another late night, we joyed in our God.

May he forever be praised!

¡Gloria al Cordero de Dios para siempre!

Yours Till Death,
Jake