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Dear Friends,

As you can imagine, the news of the Kines family's departure from Mission to the World has been deeply saddening for us. We feel grateful to have been able to walk alongside Josh and Emily during this discernment process, but, of course, we now move forward with heavy hearts trusting the Lord is at work through it all. In light of this transition, we, the Bonham and Gutierrez families, wanted to highlight two very important aspects of this change.

First, we want to make it abundantly clear that the Kines family is greatly loved and will greatly be missed. The wisdom and care that Josh and Emily brought to the team, both personally and professionally, have been invaluable over the past two years on the field. We have grown as individuals, families, and as a team through the love and care they provided for each one of us. This new phase of ministry brings one that can only be described as "bittersweet." It is hard to see them go, but we look forward to seeing how the Lord will use them to minister in the United States. Please continue to lift up the Kines family as they make this transition.

Second, the ministry here in Peru is moving forward, and we are extremely grateful for your support. One advantage of our team's partnership model as Cross Collaboration is that our ministry is not dependent on any one person. There will certainly be shoes to fill as the Kines leave, but the ministry is still moving forward. There is an overwhelming amount of work to be done in Arequipa, Peru. We want to affirm to you that our two families remain committed to the ministry here in Peru. In the few short months that we have been here, we are already seeing the Lord provide several promising opportunities (more about those in our forthcoming newsletter). Please continue to pray for our families as we work through the emotions and logistics of this transition and keep the ministry moving forward.

We have been overwhelmed by how the Lord has used His people to encourage us, support us, and love us as we have served in the foreign mission field. *We continue to remain dependent upon your support, both prayer and financial, as we continue in the mission that the Lord has put before us—to plant churches in Arequipa.*

If you have any questions about this transition or the ministry in Arequipa, Peru, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be more than happy to share with you.

Blessings in the name of Christ Jesus,

Nathaniel & Alicia Gutierrez
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