

## comfort & an anchor

2 COR. 1:3-4

In these times, we all face different challenges. We often feel (a little) exhausted, frustrated, upset, overloaded, and more. Oftentimes we do not understand what is going on, which measures are truly sensible and helpful, or what exactly we should do. And the news, which constantly come our way, is not always a helpful guide.

Here in Peru we have been quarantined in our homes for more than three months now (state of emergency throughout the country). But there is always confusing news (sometimes on a daily basis): you can do this, but then you can't do that. Oh, the next day, different rules apply. It's frustrating.

We started our adoption process in November 2019. The entire situation came to a halt in March 2020. In the middle of May we received a call and were told that we can proceed using Whatsapp calls. Then the government agency in Lima changed instructions again. We were supposed to go to the local government here in Arequipa only to get that appointment cancelled again (they did that twice). The new agreement is that a social worker is supposed to come to our house for a personal visit. We are patiently waiting if that is going to work out.

Especially in these situations it is wonderful to know and to love a God of comfort and mercy. He is and remains an encouragement and anchor in our lives: "Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Amen!

### Food bags

Last week our colleagues were able to distribute 1000 food bags to the needy in this city. Especially to those Venezuelans who are not able to receive any support during this time of quarantine, since most of them are not able to sell anything on the streets and do not receive any help from the state.



But not only Venezuelans benefit from the weekly food distribution. Peruvians, who have not received support from the government during this time of quarantine, received a food bag as well. Amongst them moms of our Dorcas project.



"Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we may be able to comfort those experiencing any trouble with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."



They have asked me to thank all of you who gave towards this project.



These moms do not receive the packages from missionaries themselves, but from local churches that SIM hands the bags to. The churches know best what families can't survive without them at this time. This way the connection to the church is being strengthened as well.

## Sonia

Thank you as well for those who have been praying for our Peruvian helper in the Dorcas project. Until recently they had been staying in the highlands with family to be able to feed themselves off of animals they possess.



At first it was unclear where she was able to get her C-section since all of the hospitals in Arequipa were primarily treating COVID-19 patients. God made it possible for her to have a bed available, so that she could deliver a healthy boy.

There won't be any follow-up visits though (except removing stitches) since the hospitals do not have the capacity for that. Therefore you can pray that check

ups won't be necessary and that Sonia is healing well and the baby is healthy and strong.

## Visit to Germany

We are planning on having our first home assignment in Germany from December to February (our summer break). We would appreciate prayer that international flights are going to be possible by then.

Ben was able to preach in German last Sunday, since our German church has been doing online church services due to quarantine.



You can find more detailed info on our blog (translate button on the bottom):

[www.marxinperu.com](http://www.marxinperu.com)

Hoping that you stay healthy and safe.

Sending you greetings from Arequipa,

**Ben & Daniela**  
**Joel, Timothy and Jason**

## Prayer Requests:

### Praise:

- Great turnout during Ben's online conferences
- Donations towards the food bags
- Videos that are being made for Sunday school each week
- Birth of Isaí (baby of Sonia)

### Prayer:

- God's provision for lots of families in need
- Wisdom for decisions the government makes
- For the continuous adoption process

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