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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

We write to you all at this time with hearts full to overflowing. Some of you already know that after much prayer and consideration for our situation in Iquitos, as well as following the counsel of our pastor and mission board, we contacted the US Embassy in Lima, Peru, about repatriation flights to the US. Our flight was on May 13. The Embassy picked up US citizens in Iquitos. Several other missionary families were on the same flight. The embassy flight was aboard a 15 passenger dual prop plane, with two volunteer US Air Force pilots. Once we were all in our cozy plane with masks and gloves on, I noticed the cockpit. Along with being small and cramped for the two pilots, it also had an illuminated topographical map display screen in the center of all the instruments. This was the first time I had gotten to see directly into the cockpit during the whole flight. I got a good look at the layout of the instrument panel and once we got above the low lying clouds, I was surprised to see the pilots cover their front window with reflective sun shields - the kind one would use in the windshield of a parked car in the hot sun! My first thought was "Don't they need to see in order to fly this thing?!" This, of course, showed my ignorance of how planes are flown. And thus began the lesson of trust and faith as illustrated from the cockpit.



During the two hour flight, which felt more like forever than furlough, I was reminded of a quote from my favorite guest chapel preacher when I was at OBC. Pastor Ron Fenwick, who has since gone to be with the Lord, would often give illustrations from his experience in flying his Pitts light aerobatic biplane. Dr. Fenwick would say "Always trust your instruments." He explained that if you ever flew into a cloud, you couldn't trust your vision because you couldn't tell which way was up or down, but your instruments could guide you out of the cloud and onto the horizon. It was at this point I realized that when piloting the plane, you can't trust what you can see - you can only trust your instruments. Does this mean that just as the pilot should keep his eyes on his instruments we should keep our eyes on Jesus? YES! Keeping your eyes on your instruments seems to be the only method of piloting, concerning which I know little or nothing. This illustration drove me to look up the basics of a flight instrument panel, which I will write more about in the next letter.

We are currently staying near family in Lovington, NM. If you are interested in our visiting with you and your church either in person or online please contact us at (575) 408-0544 or (405) 443-9802. We can also be reached at [perudeafmissions@gmail.com](mailto:perudeafmissions@gmail.com) or on Facebook.

We continue to record our church service live every week via FB, as well as updates to our Church's FB page Iglesia Bautista Puerta Abierta Iquitos Peru. Peru continues in lockdown especially every Sunday. Conditions are improving, but there is still no national or international travel.

We want to say thank you again to everyone who gave so willingly and abundantly to help with the cost of our tickets. Someone very special gave a large amount toward our need, and we are so grateful! What a blessing it is when God reminds us of Luke 6:38.

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