

To: **Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley**
From: **TE Nate Bonham (MTW)**
Date: **May 14, 2014**
Subject: **Out-of-Bounds Annual Report (2013-2014)**

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, from Arequipa, Peru in South America. It has been quite an eventful year, and the Lord continues to show his grace and mercy. I continue to labor out-of-bounds with Mission to the World, and I thank you for the privilege to be able to do so. This September will mark two years on the foreign mission field.

Adoption. The biggest single event that occurred during the last 12 months was the adoption of our four-year-old son, Luís. I reported to you last year that we were in the midst of the process, and now the Lord has brought it to fruition. We received Luís into our family July 25, 2013. It has certainly come along with its joys and trials, but the Lord has used it to further penetrate our hearts with the realities of the gospel in our own adoption as sons and daughters of the living God. *Please continue to pray as we adjust as a family and for Luís as he learns what it means to live within a family after being in an orphanage for almost four years.*

Bogota, Colombia. In December we (our team) finished our time in Colombia working with a new training initiative with MTW. During that time, we had the privilege of working with a church plant, Iglesia Reformada El Refugio (The Refuge Reformed Church). We led worship each Sunday, administered the sacraments, and had the opportunity to preach for the first time in Spanish. We are very thankful for our time in Colombia and everything the Lord taught us through our time at El Refugio. *Please continue to pray for the brothers and sisters at El Refugio as they continue to gather and reach their community with the gospel.*

Arequipa, Peru. We are excited to announce our arrival in Arequipa, a city of over 1 million in southern Peru. We are five months into our first year, which we have devoted to learning the local culture and to evaluate any potential national ministry partners. Through gaining this knowledge, we will develop a vision and ministry strategy this first year. Our long-term plan is to find national church leaders through evangelistic efforts and disciple them in church planting. Arequipa has been called the “Little Vatican” of South America because of its concentration of Roman Catholicism, but this reality is fading with the older generation. Now is an opportune time to bring Reformed Christianity to Arequipa. The younger generations are searching, but unfortunately, the Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses have established a solid base. *Please pray for our work here in Arequipa. We long to see the gospel take root here in Arequipa.*

I want to thank Presbytery for their generous financial support this year as we serve with MTW. We are also grateful for the many churches that have partnered with us. I would also like to thank you for the privilege of laboring out-of-bounds, and I humbly request your permission to continue doing so.

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Grace and Peace,

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