

To: **Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley**
From: **TE Nate Bonham (MTW)**
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Subject: **Out-of-Bounds Annual Report (2016-2017)**

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. It is my joy to bring you my personal greetings as well as the greetings of the Reformed and Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Peru. Below you will find a summary of what the Lord has been doing as I labor out of bounds with Mission to the World.

Iglesia Presbiteriana La Roca (The Rock Presbyterian Church). I am entering my third year pastoring Iglesia Presbiteriana La Roca along with a dear brother and colleague of MTW. As we seek to bring water, the Lord continues to bring growth to the church. In March we welcomed our latest group of new members. It is refreshing to see the Lord bringing new converts into the fold and releasing many from the paralyzing grip of the syncretistic Roman Catholic church and its paralyzing rituals and requirements. We have also had the pleasure of seeing many Peruvian nationals step up and engage in the ministry. Our youth ministry, lead by a national, has seen some amazing growth over the past few months. Our biggest hurdle, by far, is for the church to financially sustain itself. The idea of supporting a pastor in his ministry is a very foreign concept in the Peruvian church. Most pastors are expected to work more-than-full-time and also carry the full ministry of the church. Little by little we are trying to change this perspective.

Preaching & Teaching. I finished up a sermon series in First Corinthians this year. The series was received very well and we have seen some fruit from it. Recently, my colleague and I have divided up preaching and teaching responsibilities. Currently, I am leading bible study series called “A Través de la Biblia” (“Through the Bible”). I am trying to provided a broad understanding of the flow of God’s Word covering a different book of the Bible each week. I have been using *A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the Old Testament: A Gospel Promised* written by RTS professors, and I have been receiving incredible feedback from this study.

Sacraments. I administer the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on a monthly basis. It is a wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel in a tangible way and confront many errors of the Roman Catholic church. So far this year I have administered the sacrament of baptism once to an adult convert.

Laboring Out-of-Bounds. Brothers and Fathers, again I thank you for the privilege of laboring out of bounds with Mission to the World this past year. Please continue praying for the ministry here in Arequipa. The idea of being the only Reformed and Presbyterian church planters in a city of over 1 million is quite overwhelming at times. Brothers and fathers, I request your permission to continue laboring out-of-bounds under the Presbytery of MS Valley.

As I mentioned last year, please pray to the Lord of the harvest for more laborers. We have one family that is signing on to join our team, but we still lack more laborers. Perhaps the Lord is calling you or someone in your church to pursue foreign missions.

May the Lord continue to bless you, the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, and the PCA.

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