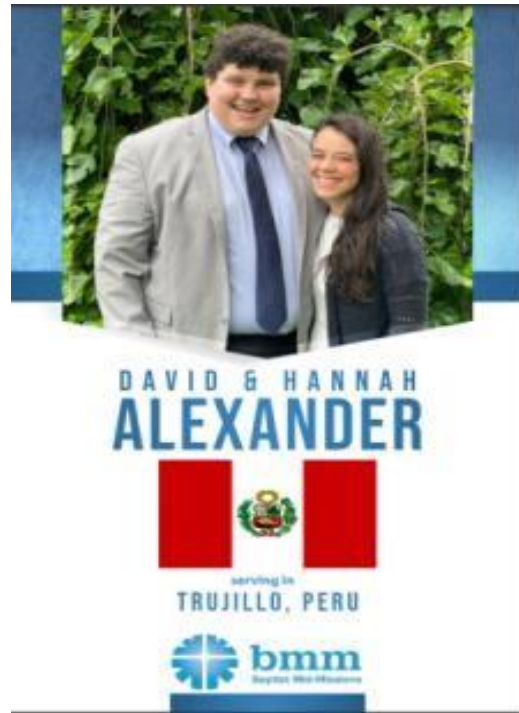


Alexanders to Peru



Hello from the Alexanders!

Greetings from sunny Trujillo, Peru!

We have been here roughly 3 months. Thank you so much for your prayers and support in that time. Here's an update on how things are going and what we've been up to.

We arrived in February and went straight to Baptist Mid-Mission's Peru Team Camp in Lima, Peru. We spent a week there meeting and fellowshiping with several of our future co-laborers here in the country.

From there we headed north to Trujillo, where we have spent the rest of our time. We moved into our apartment on the campus of Peru Baptist Seminary, and began attending Victory Baptist Church.

We arrived towards the end of summer here in Peru, meaning we were most of the way through the camp season. Still, there was time for us to attend and help with Youth Camp 2 at Camp Fortress in Tomabal, Peru. This camp is run by pastors and missionaries from the Trujillo area, but is looking for full-time leadership. We were able to help with selling goodies, working the zip-line, and providing music. This week gave us further insight into the needs of the camp, and have honed our future mission.

We returned to the Seminary and helped to prep it for students, including painting an apartment for married students, as well as cleaning multiple classrooms. Hannah was able to put her crafting skills to

use to make new curtains for the dorms for both men and ladies. Classes began shortly thereafter, and we have attended some of the classes to get an idea of what the students are learning and where they are in their understanding. David has been able to help with choir, as well as playing piano for chapel most days. Hannah has been involved with many of the ministries on campus for the wives of students, including regular Bible studies.

We have also made sure to involve ourselves in the ministries at Victory Baptist Church. David is on the regular rotation for song leaders, and has played piano for services a few times. Hannah is part of the orchestra, and we are both involved in the youth choir. In fact, we are plugged into all the youth ministries, including regular activities, and helping run other church events.

In April, Victory began its Saturday children's ministry, King's Kids. We have both plugged into different age groups as helpers.

Additionally, we have visited a few other churches, such as Gethsemane Baptist Church, Faith Baptist Church, and Good Shepherd Baptist Church. There are regular meetings of area pastors and missionaries, and attending these have given us opportunities to provide music and preaching in churches beyond Victory. It is a joy to see the close communion the sister churches have here in the city. They regularly meet for things like sports competitions and music nights, both of which we've been able to be a part of.

We have also been very happy to have had 3 visitors from our home church in Martinsville, Indiana. Our youth pastor and a young man David has given voice lessons were able to visit us in March. Showing Pastor Foerster and Nick around was a delight, and gave us a chance to see some familiar faces. They were an encouragement to us, and we hope they were encouraged in turn. Similarly, in April, Mr. Gene Matson was able to visit us and do several projects on the seminary campus. Mr. Matson has been a long-time friend and supporter, and has taken many trips to Peru, though never to Trujillo. Once again, we were delighted to show him around, and were greatly encouraged by his visit.

Our days are full. We are in the midst of preparing for a major doctrinal interview with BMM, as the last step before joining the mission full-time. Hannah is plugged into multiple ladies' groups, and David is helping with 2 different choirs. Our Spanish is progressing, though not as quickly as we would like it to (instant fluency would be so nice!). Please continue to pray for us as we prepare to take the next steps. We are here for a few more months before we return to finish training and begin the official deputation process, in order to come back.

God has been so good in clarifying His plans for us. We have a much more concrete picture of what we would be doing and what it would look like, and that has given us much confidence in this path.

“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.” (Psalm 37:5)

Thank you for being a part of it!

~David and Hannah