



# Greetings from Lima!

2019 has proven to be a year where we have called many places home – Illinois, Southeastern Michigan and now Lima, Peru again.

The first half of the year we were still in Illinois while Billy was finishing his final year at Wheaton College. He graduated in May with a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy. We are so grateful to the long list of individuals, churches and United World Mission – all who have made it possible for Billy to fulfill this dream and to become better prepared for our work in Peru.

109 N. President will always hold a special place in our hearts as Will's "first home" – where he learned to crawl and subsequently walk, where he began solid foods, sleeping through the night and began to talk. It's where we began living with a baby and left with a little boy.

At the end of May we said goodbye to the friends we made during our 2 years outside of Chicago and packed up our home and headed to Michigan for the summer.

We spent the next few months spending time with family and friends and visiting churches and supporters in North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama. As always, these few months passed by so quickly and soon we were laying out suitcases in Billy's parent's basement and making piles of "definitely take" and "if it fits."

While some days were long (especially with papers due and a baby who wasn't sleeping well), the years definitely were short. Looking back on those 2 years, we are extremely grateful to have been able to spend good, quality time with family and friends. Our last couple weeks in the States were filled with mixed emotions – excitement for getting back to Lima and our friends here, anticipation for everything that needed to be done to pack our belongings/unpack our storage items in Lima, and sadness as we said goodbyes to family and friends. The goodbyes have gotten 0% easier, even after all of these years.

On September 16th we arrived back at the Lima airport with a very tired little boy and went straight to our old apartment. The next month or so was spent slowly unpacking our belongings, getting everything back into its place and getting used to life back in Lima. We started working with our Peruvian partner, Linda, on defining potential ministry partners for Paths of Hope, attended a friend's wedding and reunited with old friends over meals and parks with playgrounds (it's so much easier to talk when Will is occupied with slides and climbing!). It has been a great joy to be back in Lima and have really started feeling like we're back home.





As we look towards Christmas, we are remembering the greatest gift God became man and dwelt among us so that we might know His love forever. Because of this, we are truly blessed.

Would you join us in praying for the few things:

- For our family, as we continue to make the transition into life back in Lima. Enough is the same that it feels like we're returning to a familiar place, but enough has changed that we need to relearn.
- For Will and his little mind as he processes his new life, home and experiences. On the outside, he appears to have adjusted to being here but sometimes asks to go to places we frequented in Wheaton or Livonia, or when we are going to go to a grandparents' house, or see an uncle/cousin/etc. May God work through him as this starts to become his new normal.
- For continued meetings with churches and schools over these next couple months as we define our first church-school partnership for the mentoring program.
- For connections with new potential financial supporters and for the continued support and encouragement from our current supporters.

We are thankful for each and every person who is supporting our ministry – whether it be through financial giving or prayer support. We would not be able to do what we do without your help.

*Merry Christmas!*

With love and a big hug,

Billy, Kate and Will Greenman

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