

# Thompson Family Continues Discipleship and Leadership Development in Peru.

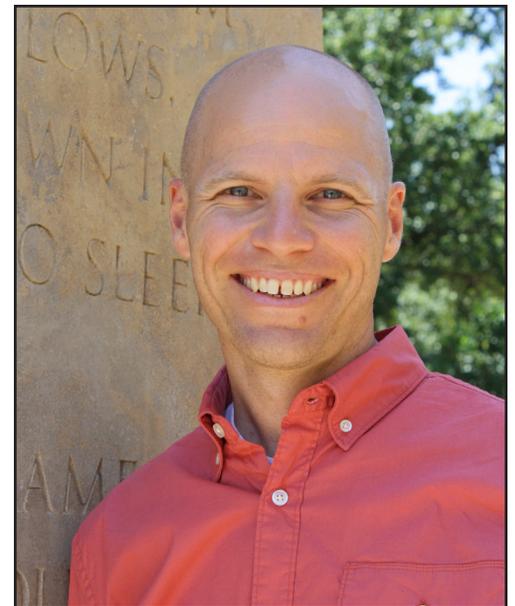


High school sweethearts Justin and Alison Thompson took an interesting path to Lima, Peru, where they have been serving as missionaries for almost ten years. Their team of Aggies and Wildcats was formed and prepared by the Halbert Center for Missions and Global Service before spending several months of intensive language preparation in Costa Rica, and moving to Lima in 2009.

While God has clearly transformed the lives of numerous individuals within their church body, many Peruvians are slow to commit and continue to resist the transformative life that Christ gives. The Thompsons occasionally struggle with patience, but they are overwhelmingly encouraged by those who *do* step out on faith and make the decision to commit their lives to Jesus.

The team has entered the last three years of their commitment in Peru, hopeful to pass leadership to Peruvian Christians toward the end of 2019. Consequently, discipleship and leadership development are the main focuses of the ministry.

Now with four bi-lingual children, Alison and Justin are fully embraced by their Peruvian brothers and sisters as one of their own. The family loves playing soccer and getting away from the busy city with some much-needed time at the beach. They also host Worldwide Witness interns and work hard to contextualize their work with the Peruvian culture. This year, Justin began working on his Doctor of Ministry degree and hopes to use his missions experience as a background for his major thesis. He is most interested in exploring and evaluating the missionary-sending church partnership within Churches of Christ and other churches that are independently structured.



Please continue to pray for and support the Thompson family and the rest of the Lima team.