THE Durans

OUR STORY

We began our family in 2017, believing that staying close to home and near family was the natural choice for us. However, God had different plans. In 2021, while expecting our third child, we made the move to metro Atlanta, where we intended to find our 'forever home' and settle down. But just a year and a half later, God began to stir unexpected desires within us. When the opportunity arose to partner in ministry with The Union Church of Lima, He gently redirected our focus, shifting our hearts from an earthly home to the eternal one we have in Christ Jesus. This change in perspective allowed us to embrace the call to serve in missions overseas.



OUR CALLING

In July 2025, our family will move to Lima, Peru as Sparrow missionaries to serve at The Union Church of Lima, where Brian will begin a pastoral residency. Our dream is to join and actively support the Gospel movement God is cultivating throughout the city.

OUR VISION

To make disciples and establish vibrant, biblically healthy churches throughout Lima. We aim to collaborate with expats and embassy workers, equipping them to spread the Gospel both locally and globally, advancing God's Kingdom far and wide.

Union is unique in its mission. UCL is a multicultural, international church, seeking to minister to both the expat and local Peruvian communities. It has the history and continued potential to reach a broad spectrum of the population with the Gospel, from C-Level executives of national and multinational corporations, embassy staff, military, and government workers, to the working class, refugees, and countless others who call Lima their home.

Union is unique in its history. Originally planted in 1924, UCL has had a historic Gospel presence in the city center of Lima. Like many around the world, UCL was deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in a two-year closure and a difficult reopening in the Spring of 2022. Through God's grace and the faithfulness of a committed leadership. Union has emerged from the pandemic poised to continue faithfully serving and ministering to the people of Lima and beyond.

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Union is strategic in its location Lima is a global tourist destination, the gastronomical capital of South America, and the hub for church planting efforts for City to City and numerous other mission organizations. Further, it is one of the most influential cities in Latin America. Sitting in a city of nearly 11 million people, Union is a hub for the international community, filled with expats and locals alike. The church is located in the the district of Miraflores, one of Lima's most prominent and influential areas. It has a prominent space, that has at times functioned as a centerplece within the international community.



THE IMPACT

With your prayers and financial support, we believe God is going to use our family, the church and it's leaders, to leverage its historic presence and influence for the sake of the Kingdom. Through prayeful and strategic partnership and collaboration, we believe the Lord is giving us the opportunity to share the Gospel with not only the local community, but also people from all over the world. Further, we dream of the Lord using Union to collaborate and catalyze a Gospel movement of church planting and church growth throughout Lima and Peru.

THE NEED



Pray. We believe prayer is not a ministry of the Church, but the ministry of the Church. For us, it is our lifeline, not our safety net. So, we covet your prayers, and we need people to pray! We want to boldly ask God to do what only He can do, expecting that as our heart aligns with His, He will move. So, pray boldly. Pray frequently. Pray for our family, pray for Union, pray for Sparrow, pray for Lima. Pray that key relationships will be made, and for open doors for the Gospel.



Join. We believe God may be calling some of you to consider joining our team! How so? We are actively recruiting a team of people who will commit to be on our prayer team. We are also in need of people who will receive our newsletter and updates, to keep in touch with us and be an encouragement to us while on the mission field. Finally, perhaps God will stir some of you to consider relocating to Lima to be a part of the work! Who knows. But we'd love for you to pray about all three. Pray about moving to Lima, getting a job, teaching at the school, starting a business, or even raising funds to be part of this adventure!



Give. We believe that God is the source of all our needs. But we also know He uses the generosity of people as a means of His provision. We are looking for individuals, families and churches to join with us as financial partners. Please prayerfully consider joining God in this work financially, and helping us walk in the calling that He is extending to us. Whether through a one-time gift or through annual or monthly support. He uses it all and we would be so grateful for your partnership!



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