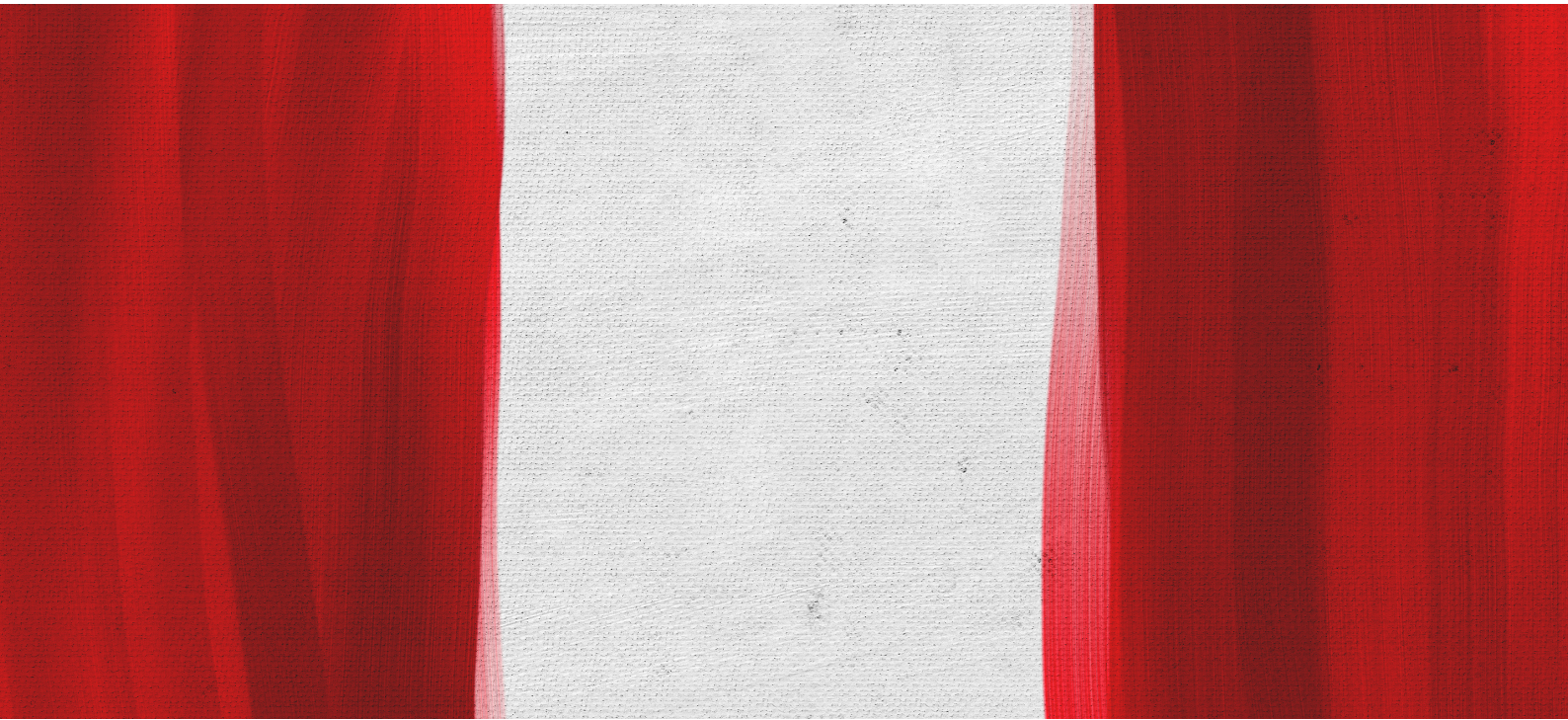


“AMBASSADORS”

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A long time ago a great Christian pioneer wrote some letters to a bunch of new Christians in the Greek port city of Corinth. By all accounts it was a pretty rough place and people were having quite a hard time working out how to live as a Christian in this place. He said in one of his letters: “So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.” 2 Corinthians 5,20.

Our CMS mission partners, Paul and Sarah Tester are ambassadors for Christ in Lima, Peru. They live in a small house with three young daughters and an increasing number of pet rabbits. They have been locked down for a long time and the lockdown is quite strict. The girls are allowed out for half an hour a day and they cannot go more than 500m from home. In their latest link letter it says:

Sarah played the Peruvian national anthem at 8pm for 85 days, encouraging our neighbours through the strictest part of lockdown. Before restrictions were loosened, many struggled to make ends meet. Even now, as the economy has begun to reactivate, there are still challenges for people seeking treatment. Hospitals are full and oxygen is in short supply (people must buy their own tanks and have to queue and pay for refills at oxygen plants). As a family and as a church we are seeking to assist those who need help with food or in getting the right treatment or medication. Often the best encouragement has been to provide a supportive listening ear and to build one another up.



Here is the cake Sarah received from her neighbours after playing the Peruvian anthem for 85 days. Sarah (Sarita in Spanish) plays the trumpet. The anthem was played when the key workers were applauded every night at 8pm. I think Sarah deserves that cake! The Testers were being good, (even spectacular) ambassadors for Christ.

We may think it is easy for them to stand out as ambassadors in their situation in Lima. They are foreigners and they work in the local church. But we don't have to be in a foreign country or to be good at playing the trumpet to be an ambassador. If we are being Christians in this country we represent Jesus in a place where he is not often acknowledged. If we are Christians we are ambassadors like it or not. If we are Christians let's ask ourselves if we are being good ambassadors.

You can find the Tester's link letter on

<https://churchmissionsociety.org/resources/paul-and-sarah-tester-link-letter-no-21-september-2020/>

You can find the Peruvian national anthem on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NIUhpCaUIU>



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