

Marcés Mailing

March 2026



'I the Lord
do not change"
(Malachi 3:6)

Our night-flowering
cactus...



Please pray for:

Juan Carlos + Penny: visiting UK
JC's mother Hilda

Juan Carlos:
Overseeing final revisions & production of book
(yes, STILL not complete)

Penny: Ongoing responsibilities in J el N;
Children's ministry & producing materials

Diocese: Bishops Jorge Luis & Victor;
discipleship courses (MOCLAM and others);

Jesús El Nazareno: Mums and tots group;
Sunday School & young teenagers
formation of music ministry;

S Juan Evangelista: development of children's ministry
Ministry in San Francisco de la Cruz

Country of Peru: - escalating crime, especially extortion
- political stability
- environmental challenges

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Dear friends,

“I the Lord do not change”. In this unstable world it is wonderful to be able to trust in this fact. We last sent a letter in October, when a new President had just taken office. Given that we have the 5-yearly **elections** in April, we did NOT expect to have ANOTHER President already, but we do.... For the



election on 12th April, the voting form is a mass of names and symbols measuring 42cm x 44 cm, since it is not JUST a Presidential election, but also elections for: Congress; Senate (recently re-introduced after 35 years); and Andean Parliament (cp EU MPs). To cast a valid vote is daunting for University graduates, let alone the barely literate. Please pray on 12th April! Also pray that whoever the new President is, (s)he action will be taken

to stop the extortions and assassinations of small businesses and bus drivers.

The nation of Peru is seeing changes in leadership, and so is the Anglican Church here. Bishop Victor Condori has now been Assistant Bishop for 6 months, and episcopal decisions are now taken by the 2 Bishops together. One recent decisions is that **Churches will be paired**, taking into account leadership in the Churches; San Juan Evangelista and Jesús el Nazareno will become a “pair”. These pairs are NOT a permanent unification of the 2, but the idea is that there will be sharing of leadership etc.

Juan Carlos has in fact NOT been in overall charge of San Juan Evangelista for several months; at the end of last year **Juan Rivera** was instituted as Rector. This is a great answer to prayer as to who could take over when we retire. Juan has arrived at a time when people in the Church have been deepening their commitment to the Lord and to Church, and there is now a healthy group of leaders for different aspects of ministry. Juan Rivera is not new to the Church – he began his Christian life there and indeed Penny taught him when she first arrived in Peru, when he was 11. His call to accept the ministry there came when he was preaching on Zaccheus and Jesús said “Come down out of the tree”.



As from August, we will be together in Jesús el Nazareno, praying for who will take over there - it will certainly be nice to be together in ministry after several years where we have been leading in different Churches! Something we have already been asked to lead is a course or **Bible study for couples** – something sorely needed.



In Jesús el Nazareno we continue to be very encouraged by the group of 12-13 years olds who are about to finish studying **Acts**. Over the last year they will have literally read and studied every verse in Mark and Acts – considerably more than most adults have achieved. Whilst talking about Paul’s report to the Church in Jerusalem in Acts 15 they were asked “What do you think I will say about YOU in the UK?”, opening up a teaching session on what exactly we DO whilst in UK; most people think we are having a long holiday. It was also interesting to see how they perceived what MIGHT actually be said... Having seen that the next book in the Bible after Acts is Romans, they asked if we would study that next – what do you think the answer was? We will finish Acts just in time for the celebration (pizza) before we leave for our UK trip. There is no one to replace Penny in this group, so we have to decide how to continue to encourage them to read the Bible whilst we are over 6,000 miles apart. These young teens are also part of the teenagers’ group, some of whom were able to attend a Diocesan camp in Feb on the theme “Faith in a difficult world”.



Having organised the Christmas Box Project over 15 years, based on the **Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child** ministry, and sending personalized boxes to groups mostly in rural parts of Peru, this year both San Juan Evangelista and Jesús el Nazareno (along with several other Anglican Churches) registered for the official “Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child”. The distribution was delayed by the 50+ containers for Peru getting a red light in Customs in the random system for checking; they decided to open and inspect EVERY container (fortunately not every box in each container!). We have been praying for a growth in the Sunday School in San Juan Evangelista, and the hope is that those contacted through this project will start attending Sunday School (or the youth group); please pray for this. Many of the recipients in Jesús el Nazareno were at the Holiday Club, twice a week for 6 weeks over the summer and entitled “Learning with Peter” – one of the things they learnt best was that Peter made mistakes. Pray that contacts made will continue to attend; sadly, most do NOT.



Immediately after the elections we leave Peru to visit the UK. This will be our last official visit to our link Churches, after 40 years’ partnership with some. It will also include Joni’s marriage to Sharon; the first time in several years that all 5 of the Marcés family have been together!



- growth and commitment in S Juan Evangelista
- Juan Rivera in leadership in San Juan Evangelista
- young teens reading & studying the Bible in JEN
- health and strength to continue to serve

Please pray....

(See also summary at beginning of letter)

Weekly activities

Please pray for activities in Lima & those leading:

- Sun:** 10.30am Children's work (Jesús el Nazareno - Palmira, San Juan Evangelista- Carmen & Gaby)
6.00pm Jesús el Nazareno service
6.45 pm San Juan Evangelista service (Juan Rivera)
- Tues:** Prayer meetings (JEN:6.30pm; SJE: 8.00pm)
- Wed:** 10.00 am Mums and tots (JEN) - Sarah
- Sat:** 5.30 pm Young teens (J. el Nazareno Melany & Karla)
6.30pm Teenagers (San Juan Evangelista- Deyanira)

Specific dates for Church visits et al:

- 12 April:** General elections in Peru
Farewell for Juan Carlos in San Juan Evangelista
- 14-15 April:** Travel to UK
- 19 April:** All Saints', New Eltham, London
- 26 April:** St John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester
- 3 May:** Malvern Priory, Malvern
- 10 May:** Holy Trinity, Springfield, Essex
- 16 May:** Marriage of Joni and Sharon in London
- 24 May:** St Peter's, Ipsley, Redditch
- 31 May:** St Peter's, Littleover, Derby
- 7 June:** St John's, Harborne, Birmingham
Second round of Presidential elections in Peru
- 14 June:** St Mary's, Maidenhead
- 21 June:** St Paul's, Dorking
- 25 June;** Trentside. Burton-on-Trent
- 5 July;** St Germain's, Edgbaston, Birmingham
- 12 July:** St Ann with Emmanuel, Nottingham
- 21 July:** Return to Lima
- 23-26 July:** JC at Perú Tres Días men's retreat
- 28 July:** Peru Independence Day, and change of government
- 30 July-2 Aug:** Penny at Perú Tres Días women's retreat

In a world which is changing we are grateful to those who share with us in our ministry in Peru, and we hope to see as many of you as possible whilst in UK! Please keep in contact, by email or WhatsApp at +51-942612987. God bless you and keep you secure in Him, now and always,
Juan Carlos & Penny