Marcés Mailing November 2026

Alejandro, Rebeca, JC; Sharon, Jonny, Penny, Lizi



The father of a righteous child has great joy;
a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.
May your father and mother rejoice;
may she who gave you birth be joyful.
(Proverbs 23:24-25)

Please pray for:

Juan Carlos: - state of (mental) health of mum Hilda
Penny: - writing and revising Sunday School materials
Family: - Jonny & Sharon in their married life
- Becky & Alejandro; US visa for Becky
Jesús El Nazareno: - future leaders in the Church – Melany, Josué, Santiago
- Sunday School (more leaders!)
- young teenagers´ Saturday group and Tuesday Bible study
- music ministry
Country of Peru: - escalating crime, especially extortion
- environmental challenges caused by global warming and El Niño current

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Dear friends,

No, you have NOT missed a letter from us. We apologise for leaving such a long gap between letters – and there is certainly much to tell!

We enjoyed seeing many of you during our time in the UK. Juan Carlos´ efforts in studying English over the previous year paid off and he felt able to have his own conversations with others; a much more positive experience than sometimes. In some cases we were aware that this was our last official visit; given that for some there have been more than 40 years of support it is quite difficult to imagine maybe NOT seeing you again. It was however a great opportunity to consider how the Lord has made it possible for us to be in partnership in sharing the Gospel over all these years.

As you know from our previous letter, one highlight of our UK visit was the wedding of Jonny to Sharon in London, in May. (See photo!!) It was a wonderful occasion, and enjoyed by all who went. During this period of all of us being together Becky announced her engagement to Alejandro, so in our next letter there will be ANOTHER wedding photo!

On arriving back in Peru it has been lovely to actually be working together in one Church after many years of serving in different churches. Since Juan Carlos has now turned 70, and is therefore not allowed by the Anglican Church here to hold overall responsibility for a Church, it is technically Penny still in charge in Jesús el Nazareno. However, Juan Carlos is fully involved too, and one of the innovations has been the inauguration of a Prayer Room, used initially during the Global Week of Prayer in September, but used now to pray every week before services.



Shortly after our return we held the graduation ceremony for the children who had completed “The Great Adventure” course provided by Samaritan´s Purse as a follow-up to the evangelistic event and box distribution. Give thanks for these children/young teenagers, and pray for them as they learn to live out the Christian life, almost all from homes where parents do NOT attend any Church. One 12-year-old said in his testimony for Samaritan´s Purse: “I was struck by the lesson on sin. I now realise that some people do not feel bad about sin and keep on in the same way. And that´s sad”. A very perceptive comment.





In our last letter we mentioned the group of young teens doing Bible study each week. This group (with additions and withdrawals of those who go) continues, and one participant takes it VERY seriously, going with 3 Bibles from home to compare different versions – his own idea, and very impressive for a child whose parents are not Churchgoers! Whilst some of the group ARE learning some of the Bible, with others it is more questionable. We have just read Jonah, and when asked what God sent when Jonah was on the boat trying to run away, one person answered: "The Holy Spirit". Not QUITE the answer I had in mind. 🤔



Before we went to UK, we said we would like to do a Marriage Course, and indeed we are now half way through this. It is very encouraging that all 5 couples are working hard at the course, despite the less-than-smooth aspects. Last week, when we had a meeting on JC´s birthday, Penny had to start it alone because JC was in the police station with the young man who had crashed into our (empty) parked car, squashing the front directly AND damaging the back which got pushed into a lamppost. (Chances of him paying for the repairs are low, despite having signed an official paper). As someone commented - "smashing birthday!" Certainly an unforgettable one!



We continue to hold occasional "Almuerzos para Abuelitos - lunches for senior citizens, and since it is now 43 years since the El Nazareno area was founded, the founders are increasingly reaching the 70-year age mark, so last time it was encouraging to have some new people. It is an open invitation and we decided to cater for 30 – having no idea if there would be 15 or 50. There were 29 – we felt God was saying "I WILL provide, and with extra at the end".



Jesús el Nazareno is a converted house (SMALL!). The photo IS straight – it is on a hill, so one door is much higher than the other (the floor inside is level). The outside had not been painted for YEARS, so it was with great pride that we finally managed to have it painted last month, in time for the Anniversary service. The previously ancient paintwork was no different from most houses around, but it is lovely to have a Church rather more worthy of being a place of worshp.

El Nazareno is up a hill, and these are the areas in Lima already being affected by the Niño current which is bringing hotter-than-average temperatures (not unbearable YET), and more precipitation. Some parts of the north of Peru are already suffering from flooding. Lima is in a desert – so only zero or minimal provision for drains and gutters; whilst "rainfall" of 5mm may seem little to you, it is NOT insignificant when your roof has holes, or when it all gathers on the roof in one place which then soaks down. On JC´s aforementioned birthday we had already spent a "happy?" hour sweeping the water on the roof, and trying to clear the gutters that are there. (One thing we will NOT miss when no longer in charge of the Church!)



- A wonderful visit to UK
- Jonny and Sharon´s wedding
- Young teens STILL reading the Bible
- The couples attending the Marriage Course
- FINALLY repainting the outside of the Church

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,
6.00pm service
Tues: 4.30pm Bible study for young teens
6.30 pm Prayer meeting
Sat: 5.30 pm Young teens (J. el Nazareno Melany & Karla)

Specific dates

Thurs until 3 Dec: 7.45pm Marriage Course
21 Nov: Marriage of Becky and Alejandro (in Lima)
28 Nov: Celebration JC 70th birthday for family and close friends
9 Jan: Celebration of Hilda´s 90th birthday
11-16 Jan: CMS Regional conference in Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Thank you again for joining with us in what the Lord is doing in Lima. If for any reason you would prefer NOT to continue to receive our mailings, please let us know. Our contacts are email or WhatsApp at +51-942612987.
God bless you and keep you secure in Him, now and always,

Juan Carlos & Penny