

Marcés Mailing

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Fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

(2 Timothy 1:6-7)



Please pray for:

Juan Carlos + Penny: appropriate use of time and energy
JC's mother Hilda

Juan Carlos: Responsibilities in San Juan Evangelista
& San Francisco

Overseeing final revisions & production of book
(now reprogramed for Jan)

Penny: Ongoing responsibilities in J el N (lay rector);
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
- disillusionment with government / congress
- environmental challenges

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Dear Friends

"Penny, do you know where the **fire** in Pamplona Alta is?" A massive fire less than 500m from Jesús el Nazareno, which became VERY spectacular when it reached one of the shacks which was in fact a clandestine firework production centre, miraculously killed no one and resulted in only a handful of superficial injuries. On the positive side also, an amazingly effective response from authorities meant that within a few hours affected families had nearly all been given tents, mattresses and blankets in 2 nearby concrete pitches. The communal kitchen system, plus an outpouring of personal donations of food from those living nearby meant that for the first few days there was literally too much... A week later, the REAL need will be seen; of the 80 shacks totally destroyed in this "invasion" (12 years ago) it appears that less than half were actually inhabited, the others having owners who actually live in "proper" housing elsewhere. BUT there are over 100 claimants for bedding, and especially for free land (with basic structure, electricity and water supplies provided) being offered by the government in another part of Lima. The Anglican Church has a fund, which we will use as needed, probably to provide a little extra for the communal kitchens in the same as some of you have been helping with for over 5 years for some of these kitchens nearest the Church.



The flame on **Mila's** birthday cake as we sang to her at the weekly prayer meeting was much smaller! She is possibly the most loved member of the Church, attending (and playing the tambourine) with great enthusiasm. THIS flame was planned, unlike a few weeks ago when they arrived for her mother to tell us that they had just had a fire in their very simple house. Milagro had put water to boil on the gas cooker, and when she went to check 15 minutes later it was to find part of the kitchen on fire – NOT from the gas stove but from damp electricity cables causing a short circuit (a common problem here – and we MUST get the wiring checked in JEN since sparks appeared when we plugged something in....) Since Mila is sometimes left on her own, we praised God that this happened when someone could discover it before a disaster occurred. At 76, Milagro has become a great evangelist, especially at the Senior's bimonthly lunches in JEN. She told them that she is trying to memorise the Bible since soon she will be blind and unable to read, and encouraged them to do the same.



Flames have also been part of the teaching recently in JEN whilst studying the letters to Timothy and the need to “fan into flame the gift of God” given to us. One group showing a “flame” is that of the 11-12 year olds in JEN who have just finished a weekly study of the **gospel of Mark**; over 25 weeks we have simply read Mark and filled in sheets – no games, crafts etc. Even better, they are thrilled that we will continue - Acts will be next. These pre-teens are also part of the teenagers group started in August, and we pray that not only they but also their families will put roots in the Lord; the mothers of 2 HAVE now started attending Church.



Sparks rather than flames were on the Anniversary cake in **San Juan Evangelista** in May. This event provided an opportunity to fan into flame relationships with people who USED to attend, but drifted away; a specific effort was made to invite members of the youth group from 20 years ago, many of whom DID attend. Pray for Pray also for the outreach in San Francisco de la Cruz, that God will lead clearly as to the future development of this mission.



Cake also featured in the April celebration of 40 years of **God's faithfulness** to Penny since she came to Peru. It was a wonderful celebration, held in Jesús el Salvador where we had the privilege of seeing the current building erected, with many present from different churches in Lima, but unfortunately we forgot to take a photo of everyone! Different people spoke about aspects of ministry like children's work, women's work, music, and social outreach.

And a further celebration was at the end of August when Victor Condori was consecrated as **Assistant Bishop**. He will take over from the current Diocesan Bishop Jorge Luis when he retires (sometime in the next 4 years)



All this against a background of political instability – last week President Dina Boluarte was voted out of office (her support was 2.5%) so we have another **new President** José Jerí – the 7th president in 9 years. The terrible situation with extortions and murders was the main reason; please pray for effective measures, as corruption in the police/ judiciary makes progress even more difficult.

And finally, **family news**. We will be in UK mid April to July, which will make it easy to attend Joni's marriage to Sharon, his girlfriend of over 5 years, in London in May. Becky and Lizi both continue with their lives, Becky in Peru and Lizi in London.



- For the pre-teens group enjoying Bible studies
- For new people attending S Juan Evangelista
- For those who live for Jesus day by day
- For those who are enthusiastic about Jesus

- Please Pray



(See also summary at beginning of letter)

Weekly activities

Please pray for activities in Lima & those leading:

Sun: 10.30 am Jesús el Nazareno children's activity

(1st Sunday in month - Family Service)

6.00pm Jesús el Nazareno service (Penny)

6.45pm San Juan Evangelista service (JC)

Tues: 5.00pm Bible Study with pre-teens – Acts (JEN)

6.30 pm Prayer meeting (Jesús el Nazareno)

8.00 pm Prayer meeting (San Juan Evangelista)

Wed: 10.00am "Tesoritos del Señor" mums and tots (J. el Nazareno)

Sat 6.00 pm Youth meeting (San Juan Evangelista)

6.30 pm Meeting for 12-16 yr olds (J el Nazareno)

Specific people:

San Juan Evangelista: Luis F – leading youth work

Sara A – leading women's work

Ricardo – leading in San Francisco

Carmen - general help

Jesús el Nazareno – Palmira – children's work

Karla & Melany – 12-16 group

Specific dates:

Sun 26 Oct Jesús el Nazareno Anniversary celebrations

Fri 31 Oct Light Party - Central children's celebration for S Lima

Preparations for **Christmas celebrations**

Thank you again – from us and from those with whom we work - for your support in so many ways. Please contact us at WhatsApp +51-942612987 or email psmarcesinlima@gmail.com

May our faithful God bless you and keep you secure in Him

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