

Praise!

- music group in Jesús El Nazareno
- JC building up relationships in Jesus el Nazareno
- Desire to grow in the Cathedral and Jesús el Nazareno



Please pray.....

Ongoing prayer please...

Anglican Church in Peru – Bp Jorge Luis, the Diocesan Council and Pastoral Committee, and other leaders

Juan Carlos in his various responsibilities as “Vicar General” (Archdeacon for the Diocese) & pastor in Jesús el Nazareno

Penny, Lay Minister in charge of the English speaking congregation in the Cathedral (with Charles), and responsibilities in AMA

Pastoral care: (both congregations) visiting & counselling

Social Work: in the Cathedral (student support, work with personal cases); in Jesús el Nazareno (neighbours in need); Inés project for children with fragile health (the 2 fro El Nazareno are now in this).

Family: times to be together

The country of Peru: for a more positive working relationship between the President and majority (opposition) party in Congress

Specific dated requests

July 21-Aug 13: Visit of Penny’s brother & sister-in-law for holiday

Aug 15-23: visit of candidate for Rector for the Cathedral

Aug 10-13: Perú Tres Días (♂) retreat in Chincha

Aug 30-Sept 4- : visit of Nick & Catherine Drayson (Bp in N. Argentina); help with discipleship training and women’s work

End Aug: start of Marriage Course in Cathedral

Sept 16: Diocesan “Family Festival”

Oct 29: Diocesan youth evangelistic event, in the Cathedral Hall

Thank you for your prayers and other support which uphold us.

God bless you

Juan Carlos, Penny, Rebeca, Elizabeth & Jonatan

Marcés Mailing

July 2017



Be still,
and know
that I am God
(Psalm 46:10)

Lizi’s birthday,
Jan 2017

Please pray for:

Juan Carlos: Diocesan Archdeacon (hence also on main committees) and pastor of Jesús el Nazareno

Penny: currently in leadership in the English speaking congregation of the Cathedral, and involved with AMA (women’s work)

Becky: working part time, but also studying

Lizi: working but looking for a permanent job

Joni: studying (law) and looking for work experience

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Dear friends

“No news is good news”? In the 6 months since we last wrote Marcés Mailing things have been on the whole very encouraging at all levels, for which we thank God; however we also apologise to those of you who have not received news from us for so long.

Starting at home, the **family** still all live here (normal for Peru) . Lizi has now completed her economics degree; she continues to work part time for a consultancy dealing with export trade. Becky ia bout to finish her work project helping women to avoid situations of abuse and violence; she will then reduce her hours at the NGO, wanting time to complete some studies. Joni continues to study law and looking for a second work experience in a different branch of law from the previous one..



In our Church families, Juan Carlos is now well established in **Jesús el Nazareno**. He is thrilled that there is a fledgling music group (trained by Joel, from Jesús el Salvador) and that at least a few people want to take part in Bible studies and prayer meetings. The Church has moved physically

“closer to heaven”; they decided to transfer the service from downstairs (rather dark and awkward) to the “upper room” previously used for Sunday School, sewing group, youth group etc. Outside the actual congregation, JC made contacts in March when he took carloads of water to the area to help when most of Lima was without a water supply owing to the water treatment plant being severely affected by flooding. (Our house is in a small area receiving water from a well rather than the normal city supply). On a recent Bank Holiday a group of us went to the centre of Lima; some in the Church have never actually been there. Having discovered some local families in very difficult situations, including an abandoned mother with 6 children, the 2 youngest of whom have cerebral palsy; and an abandoned father with 4 children, some people in the church are developing a “social work ministry”.



At the **Good Shepherd**, we received 10 applications for the post of Rector. After Skype interviews etc the shortlist was two; one then withdrew. The final step, meeting face-to-face, will happen in August - the candidate is unable to come until then, Even if this is God’s person for us, it will be several months before they come. However, despite being unable to make

too many long term plans, at a recent planning session we have challenged ourselves in areas such as pastoral care, and encouraging spiritual



disciplines such as daily Bible reading & fasting. There is always the ongoing (common!) challenge of finding ways to get money to pay for roof repairs etc etc....., and the challenge of an ever-changing congregation as people come and go with contracts. One new couple started coming

after the Book Sale – not churchgoing people but they like us! Charles, (also a Lay Minister) is currently away for several months, so Penny is basically in charge; covering 2 week’s holiday has proved more-than-a-little difficult... Memorable events include taking a funeral service on Easter Day (Jesus’ resurrection has a special (a very definite message of death being overcome), and our pot luck lunch – apparently the 1st time just the English congregation has held one.

The **Diocesan Synod** in April was a positive time for most of those present, showing a clear desire to support Bp Jorge Luis in his leadership. Juan Carlos was elected “Vicar General” – Diocesan Archdeacon (basically the Bishop’s right hand man). This involves travelling to Anglican Churches in the whole Diocese, to be fitted in with his local responsibilities. Commissions have been set up to revise the Diocesan canons (rules), liturgy and Christian education.; please pray for these as they work; Penny is part of the Education commission.



In **AMA**, we recently had a follow-up “silent retreat” using last year’s retreat on prayer. The session was for leaders of the different local groups, the hope being that each will now lead the time in their own groups.... Next month Catherine Drayson, who leads the MU link in our province, will be in Peru; a few years ago she started AMARE in their Diocese (N Argentina) based on AMA here, so we hope to share ideas & experiences.

Perú Tres Días weekends went well in April, but owing to a lack of anyone to head the next men’s retreat there is no new retreat planned for Lima in the near future. However, the first PTD in Chíncha, 3 hours south of Lima, will take place in August, with the support of a group from Tres Dias in USA; JC will be taking art in this.

