

# Marcés Mailing

## December 2019



I bring you good news  
that will cause great joy  
for all the people.  
(Luke 2:10)

### **Please pray for:**

**Juan Carlos & Penny:** leading Jesús el Nazareno

**Juan Carlos:** Responsibilities in J el Nazareno and Diocese

**Penny:** Responsibilities in J el N and Children's Ministry

**Bishop Jorge Luis:** wisdom in leading the Diocese

**Jesús El Nazareno:** for a desire to reach out to their  
neighbours

**Country of Peru:** political tensions

(yes, the same as last time!)

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Dear friends

“The ends of the earth”.... Juan Carlos has just arrived back from Ushuaia (Argentina) in Tierra del Fuego, where he, along with representatives from other Anglican Dioceses and from CMS, celebrated the 150th anniversary of Waite Stirling’s consecration as Bishop of the Falkland Islands – the first Anglican Bishop consecrated in S America. He travelled to S America not long after the first Anglican missionary group, led by Allen Gardiner, died of starvation without seeing any conversions, and called himself “God’s lonely sentinel”, feeling God’s call to preach the Gospel to the local people (Yagán) rather than working with English-speaking colonies. The prefab house he had, ordered from UK at a cost (in 1869) of £300, was later transferred to Chile. There is no longer an Anglican presence in Ushuaia BUT there are several evangelical churches who all know their roots in Waite Stirling’s ministry. A challenge to us...



Meanwhile, here in technically tropical Lima (we are 12° south of the Equator), we continue to try to reach all people with the good news, aiming to become more involved with the needs of the community. The meal for



community leaders went well, and now, having realised that in El Nazareno there is not much for older citizens, we have held 2 “almuerzos para abuelitos” (lunches for grandparents), good opportunities to talk to older people (over 75s) and their families.

Not that everything always goes as planned; last week, having organised everything, the person in charge of cooking was told the day before that she needed to go to the other side of Lima for a legal meeting about compensation following her son’s tragic death in a car accident 3 years ago. The day of the lunch, we discovered that there was no water supply in the area.... Obstacles were overcome (finishing with someone going in and washing up the next day); the meal was delicious, it was good to see that the visitors were from all parts of the estate, and more than half the church had been involved in some way, from moving tables to cooking.

As for the other end of the spectrum, ie babies and toddlers, there is no equivalent of “mums and toddlers”, so we hope to start something when the new school year starts next March. Not wanting to start World War 3 with squabbles over the toys, the main challenge is to obtain enough toys and equipment for a significant number of children to use at once. But

God is good, and after a couple of “coincidences” in finding people getting rid of out-grown things, we are doing well. Whilst finding over 75s in El Nazareno is NOT easy (there are very few), finding under 3’s is no challenge at all!

...”you will be my witnesses ..... to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8) is one of the key verses in the MOCLAM

theological course that about 20 of us have been studying for the last 3 months. The first course, “From creation to new creation” is a basic Introduction to the Bible.

MOCLAM (Moore College in Latin America) offers courses which can be taught in small groups, providing advice and assessments; after several years those who persevere and work through the courses available at the different levels may obtain a degree. It is exciting to see this taking place; one of the needs that has been recognised in the Anglican Church here is that of Biblical formation.



Having previously mentioned that we recognise the value of working as a couple through the Marriage Course, thank you to those of you who have been praying for this. Only one couple is working through it, but for them it IS making a difference to them and their family so we don’t mind. However, we have also spent time preparing the 2 couples in the Church getting married – Santiago and Idu, and then Leo and Dina (known as Diana). Leo is now someone regularly attending Church, so thank you too for praying for the men!



We were encouraged by the visit of a team of 3 from the Recife Diocese, whose main aim was to pray and help us to deepen our ministry in prayer. They had a busy schedule, visiting several places; since they stayed with us (we now have 2 available rooms!) we received even more blessing.



As for the family, Becky is now working in Harrogate and continues to live in Leeds. She paid a lovely 18 day visit to us in Nov. Lizi is currently living



in Barcelona but this may change. Jonny is finishing his law degree, with a specific interest in constitutional law but also with good knowledge of international humanitarian law; in the immediate future he will continue working where he is.



As we come to the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020, this photo is from Tierra del Fuego, and those who saw this as they left Puerto Williams in Chile were reminded of God's promises. Here in Peru, as in UK, the political situation is "interesting", It is good to know we have a God who doesn't change and can be trusted as we face new challenges in the New Year..



- encouraging visit from group (3) from Recife
- MOCLAM course lunches for senior citizens
- growing relationships with community leaders in El Nazareno
- support from Spanish speaking Cathedral congregation for our Sunday School at Christmas



*Please pray.....*

**Weekly activities in**  
**Jesús el Nazareno**

**Sun:** 4.30pm Sunday School  
7.00 pm service

**Thurs:** 7.30pm prayer meeting

**General:**

- Work with couples:  
Santiago/Idu; Leo/Diana; M/J
- follow up to contacts through lunches and children's work
- plans for mums' & tots' group
- Our children Becky, Lizi & Joni

**Specific dates**

- **28 Dec** Messy Church (the first)
- **26 Jan** Interim Congress elections
- **27-31 Jan** Training week Lima  
(Juan Carlos giving a talk on evangelism, and Penny on Sunday School)
- **3-7 Feb** Training week Arequipa
- **11-26 Feb** Children's holiday Club  
(Tues and Wed)
- **March** inauguration of mums' and toddlers' group
- **13-15 Mar** Diocesan Synod

Thank you for your fellowship with us; you too are part of what happens in Peru. Please keep in contact, by email or WhatsApp at +51-942612987

God bless you, this Christmas and always

*Juan Carlos & Penny*