

# Marcés Mailing

## September 2019



Let us hold unswervingly  
to the hope we profess,  
for he who promised is faithful.  
(Hebrews 10:23)

### Please pray for:

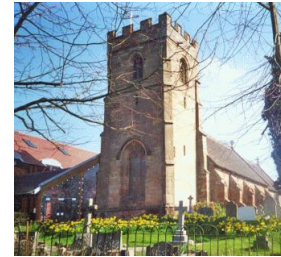
**Juan Carlos & Penny:** leading Jesús el Nazareno  
**Juan Carlos:** Responsibilities in J el Nazareno and Diocese  
**Penny:** Responsibilities in J el N and Children's Ministry  
**Bishop Jorge Luis:** wisdom in leading the Diocese  
**Jesús El Nazareno:** for a desire to reach out to their  
 neighbours  
**Country of Peru:** political tensions

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Dear everyone

Jenny... Yenny.... Yeni... Jeni.... Jhennifer.. "How do you spell that?" is sometimes a very relevant question. (and if, for example, the spelling in your official school reports is one letter different from your birth certificate, it could invalidate your whole education, resulting in a judicial process as you correct it.) Between them, people with this name both sides of the Atlantic, represent something of our life.

**Jeni** – a Church administrator involved in working out our visit to one of the 12 parishes to which we are linked in UK. THANK YOU to all (Church administrators or not!) who made contacts to provide opportunities for us to meet different people in each place: Church services, cell/home/small groups, prayer meetings, Church lunches, meetings with clergy, lunches for senior citizens, pre-school sessions, school assemblies, neighbourhood fairs, and much more.



**Jenny** is a friend of Penny's from many years ago. Becky, still in UK, said she misses her friends here in Peru. I reflected that even after 34 years here, chances to catch up with as many of you as possible are very special, friends and family, whether in homes, or motorway service stations. Our visit coincided with the "Easneye 150" celebration (150 years since the house was dedicated for use in the Lord's service). Juan Carlos appreciated visiting a place talked about so often, and to meet some tutors who were there all those years ago. Another trip down memory lane, with Becky, was to Durham; 1<sup>st</sup> time since leaving in 1978. Some things were instantly recognisable (eg the castle and Cathedral), others were not...



Back in Lima, we mentioned **Yeni LM** in our last letter following the fire which destroyed 95% of her parent's house & belongings. She and her parents (& cat Alex, who hid in a pan during the fire until someone broke the plyboard "window") are currently staying with "paisanos" (a family from the same small area as Yeni's mum) whilst rebuilding their house. But of this disaster good has come; her parents, both shy, have seen the love of the Church and are much more open. Hopefully they will attend the Marriage Course about to start.



An exciting discovery on our return was that **Yenny LR**, whom many of you heard about whilst we were in UK as someone who we would LIKE to be part of the Church but was not yet, has indeed taken the step we have been praying for. A huge

THANK YOU to all who have been praying! At the end of July she attempted suicide; having not succeeded (she was found in time), she concluded that it was God who had given her back her life and she wanted to follow Him. Whilst rejoicing in the new life she is enjoying, she is extremely aware of the “baggage” she carries: problems with alcohol, spoilt relationships with family and other people, and the guilt she feels about her failure to be the mother she now realises she could have been. Please pray for her as she faces these aspects of her life. Pray too for her 2 sons (Angel and Jonathan) in their mid 20s, both involved in drugs, one in Lima and one living on the streets in Argentina.

**Jhennifer** is 15. When she was 9, living in the rainforest with her parents and 15 year old brother, her mother died of a brain aneurism. Her father's subsequent (quite rapid) 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage led to a not-very-positive relationship with her stepmother. After other traumatic experiences, she now lives in Lima with an uncle and aunt. Having not studied for a few years she is currently in 1<sup>st</sup> year secondary (Year 7) where she is top of her class, being a very keen and able student in the midst of a group where most are behind due to having failed previous years (and so repeating). Pray for her: her relationship with her father, her studies, and especially her spiritual growth.

In order not to be accused of discrimination, please do not forget the **men** in the Church. Santiago, who will marry Idu in November, has NOT been the only man in Church (not counting JC) any of the weeks we have been back, so please give thanks for this and continue to pray for the 7 men we hope to have as committed members in the near-ish future.

In order to reach out more effectively we are having a meal and inviting the leaders who represent: the community (El Nazareno); the small local market; and the soup kitchen. Please pray for this and other initiatives we are thinking of in order to raise the profile of the Church.



positive Church visits in UK  
(including N Ireland)  
Yenny and her new faith  
Interest in Lima in the MOCLAM courses

*Please pray.....*



### Weekly activities in

#### Jesús el Nazareno

**Sun:** 4.30pm Sunday School

7.00 pm service

**Wed:** 7.45 pm Marriage

Course (16/10 – 27/11)

**Thurs:** 7.30pm prayer meeting

### General:

- Yenny, to grow in her faith and remain strong against temptation
- Yenny's parents Juan & Lucila: their house; Marriage Course
- Jhennifer: her studies, & for spiritual & emotional development
- For more men in Jesús el Nazareno; for Juan Carlos building up relationships with several men in the area
- MOCLAM study course – From creation to New Creation; for those in the southern part of Lima (one group on Tues, one on Thurs)
- Christmas Box project (at the Cathedral): for a well-explained changeover from Penny to those now in charge
- Bishop Jorge Luis as he leads the Diocese, and Juan Carlos helping him
- Penny and the development of children's ministry in the Diocese, especially encouraging clergy still not involved
- Our children Becky, Lizi and Joni

### Specific dates

- **21 Sept:** Inauguration MOCLAM course (Moore College in Lat. Am)
- **6 Oct:** meal for local community representatives
- **16 Oct:** start of Marriage Course
- **18-31 Oct:** visit of group from Recife to Diocese
- **19 Oct:** Diocesan family event
- **15 Nov:** marriage of Santiago/ Idu
- **26 Nov:** delivery of all boxes to Cathedral for Christmas Box project

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,

*Juan Carlos & Penny*