



Marcés Mailing

April 2019



Whatever you do,
work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord.
(Colossians 3:23)

Please pray for:

Juan Carlos and Penny: UK visit May to August

Becky studying MSc in Leeds;

Lizi working as an economics consultant

Jonny: working in the ombudsman's office and studying law

Jesús el Nazareno: all those with extra responsibilities in our absence (especially Etelvina, Palmira, Santiago)

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Dear everyone

What do the following have in common?: a walking boot; iron rods, cement and paint; plastic bottle tops; Bible courses; and knocking on doors? Answer: **rebuilding** in some way; during the Easter season, reflecting on Jesus broken on the Cross in order to bring about a renewed relationship between humanity and God, maybe this is a relevant theme.

Walking boot In retrospect, Penny began the year with a broken foot. However she didn't know this until several weeks later, when an Xray revealed a good reason for the pain & swelling -an undeniably broken bone (the one footballers and ballet dancers break). She thus led the workshop on Children's Ministry in Arequipa without knowing the bone was broken, continuing to teach songs about stamping on the enemy; in Lima the cast meant others had to lead the energetic songs. Fortunately the holiday Bible activity in Jesús el Nazareno was not affected since by the time it started (a week late, admittedly) the plaster had been replaced by a boot.



Especially encouraging this year was the group of 10-12 year olds, who were faithful in attendance. Even more exciting: 2 months later, 7 year old Adrian can still remember the verse "I know the plans I have for you".

Bottle tops As a treat, the over-6s who had attended over half the 8 sessions had an outing - to a park called "Voices for climate", an ecological park based on climate change, from which Peru is one of the worst-affected countries. Definitely an educational experience, and rather above the understanding of most of us, although the tunnel lined with rubbish found in the sea made a good point, and the path made of bottle tops was attractive. There was also a picture of *Penelope obscura*, a bird struggling against extinction (but with a memorable name!).



Without question the most successful part of the trip was the playground at the end; several enthusiastic children ended up with rope burns from playing long and hard on the equipment. One of our aims in the Church this year is to promote caring for the environment and recycling; Luana, a 6 year old girl, got off to a good start this year by picking up the boxes

from the sparklers, liberally scattered in the street, on New Year's Day and putting them in our recycling bin.

Iron rods, cement and paint The day after the children's holiday activity ended, the demolition of the centre wall downstairs at Jesús el Nazareno began. It all took slightly longer than programmed, and the inauguration of the "new" area took place on Palm Sunday. In one of the "coincidences" that are not really coincidences, it "just-so-happened" that a group from the Church which had paid to build the upstairs part of the building several years ago was visiting Peru – so they were able to see the next step in development. For those who wonder: yes we continued to meet in the bits of the Church that were



safe – though no children's work for a couple of weeks, since we wanted neither children falling into ditches nor children succeeding in knocking the wooden supports and bringing the ceiling down..... It certainly makes a difference being so much more visible, and we pray that new people will feel welcome.

Bible courses Only a minority of the Anglican Churches here have regular Bible studies / prayer meetings. The Formation Commission, led by Juan Carlos, is keen to be able to guide churches as to what is available in order to restore these essential elements into Church life; please pray that people realise the importance of this. Praise God for the churches which have now begun children's groups – very encouraging!



Knocking on doors Not infrequently we are aware that God is not the only one at work in the Church, but that there is also an attempt being made by the enemy to affect any progress. Thus whilst most in the (small) congregation were faithful, resentments and misunderstandings resulted in several people giving up. Not much consolation to be told "That's what she's always like". Knocking on doors to talk to those involved has happily resulted in most cases in a restored relationship, but please continue to pray with us for these attitudes.

And finally... after attending Diocesan Synod this coming weekend we shall be travelling to UK. Our last official visit was 4 years ago so we have lots to catch up on; we hope to see as many of you as possible. To say nothing of visiting Becky, studying in Leeds...

Praise!

- children's Bible activity in Jesús el Nazareno, on the theme "water"
- new area for services in Jesús el Nazareno
- 2 new children's groups in churches in Peru

Please pray.....



UK visit 2019

- 2 May arrive UK
- 6-8 May Alpha Conference, London
- 9 - 16 May: All Saints, New Eltham
- 18 May: Special anniversary All Nations Christian College
- 19- 21 May: Holy Trinity, Springfield, Essex
- 26 May: St Paul's, Dorking
- 2 June: St Peter's Ipsley, Worcester
- 9 June: St Anne with Emmanuel, Nottingham
- 13-16 June: St Mary's Maidenhead
- 23 June: St John's Harborne
- 30 June: St Paul's Carlton, Nottingham
- 7 July: St Germain's, Edgbaston, Birmingham
- 10-14 July: St Peter's, Littleover, Derby
- 18-21 July: St John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester
- 28 July: Trentside Parish, Burton-on-Trent
- 21 August: return to Peru
- *Pending: visits to SAMS Ireland, and to visit family (Leeds, Bolton, Switzerland....)*

Weekly activities in

Jesús el Nazareno

Sun: 4.30pm Sunday School

7.00 pm service

Thurs: 4.30 AMA (fortnightly)

8.00pm prayer meeting

Thank you for your fellowship with us; we hope to be able to see as many of you as possible whilst in UK so please contact us, especially if you are near one of the Churches we will be visiting. We will be based in Dorking in May and August, and in Birmingham during June / July.

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God bless you,

Juan Carlos & Penny (& Rebeca, Elizabeth & Jonatan)