

Marcés Mailing

April 2025



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You are warmly invited to celebrate God's faithfulness
during the 40 years since Penny Marcés
crossed the seas to come to Lima in 1985

Date: **Sunday 14th April**

Time: 8:30 pm

Place: Jesús of Salvador, Villa el Salvador

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

Penny: Ongoing responsibilities in J el N (lay rector);
Children's ministry & producing materials

Diocese: Bishop Jorge Luis;
discipleship courses (MOCLAM and others);

Jesús El Nazareno: Mums and tots group;
Sunday School
formation of music & youth ministries;

S Juan Evangelista: development of children's & music
ministries

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

Congratulations if you have been reading prayer letters from Penny or from the Marcés family since Penny left UK! – you too can celebrate 40

years when God has shown His faithfulness through many different situations - joyful, challenging or downright difficult. On 12th April there will be a celebration entitled “God is faithful”; over these 40 years I have been privileged to be part of many different aspects of life in the Anglican Church in Lima, and

(hopefully!) people will share about the importance of children’s ministry and music, amongst others. It will be held in Jesús el Salvador, where Penny was based before marriage, and then JC was pastor from 1996 to 2009.

In San Juan Evangelista there was a celebration for Gregoria as she celebrated 90 years (NOT usual here; 2.5% reach 80), during which she succeeded in talking about the importance of having Jesús in our lives. She was also present at the first “Almuerzo para Abuelitos” (lunch for senior citizens) in SJE in March. In JEN these lunches continue to be popular, especially since most of those who attend are “founders” of El Nazareno which was founded in 1981 (when, like Villa el Salvador, there was no running wáter, electricity etc)



Senior lunch JEN

At the other end of the age scale, the mums-and-tots group continues; the start of a new school year has resulted in a few of the children leaving so the dynamics change as they get used to new children. Please pray for the children, and for the mothers/carers as they not only enjoy the choice of toys but also have the chance to sing some Christian songs (including “1,2,3 Jesus loves me” – in English).

Work with the school age children is ongoing. During the summer we had a Bible club in JEN entitled “Gente en Genesis” – some stories of the first chapters of Genesis; they seemd to particularly enjoy the story of Jacob deceiving Esau – does this reflect the level of deceit and falsification happening in Peru? (Yes, the photo is God’s promises to Noah – NOT Jacob!)



During the pandemic, when we continued to be in lockdown on Sundays for months and months, but children COULD accompany parents on other days we started having our children's activities on Saturdays. We have finally returned to having the activities on Sundays; this is NOT proving popular with those who had got used to Saturdays so please pray that the children continue to come. (In Jesús el Nazareno, as in San Juan Evangelista and most churches in less wealthy areas, children go on their own to the Church whilst most of the parents do NOT)

Writing of children's materials, and coordinating children's work continue. We were able to buy illustrated children's Bibles for each Church to have one – wonderful when the time to purchase coincided with a "60% off" offer!

As for work with young people, in SJE there is now a new leader for the group – Luis. Please pray for him as well as for Deyanira and Esteban, the young people who have been doing this. They have had a bonfire on the little hill by the Church, been to see a Christian film at the cinema, and other activities. In JEN we now have a date for starting a group for 12-16 year olds. The group will be led by Karla and Melany, and will start on 2 Aug after the Peruvian National Independence celebrations. Please pray for this initiative; some of this group are currently attending the Sunday School so that Will change too. Pray too for a male to be prepared to take part, even if not to lead directly.



Please continue to pray for Peru. President Dina Boluarte has an approval rating of 4%, as does Congress. Extreme poverty is about a third of the population (several families in both JEN and SJE are in this category) despite Peru having one of the best economic growth levels in Latin America (due to copper prices). However the main concern continues to be safety on the streets; any improvement is unseen so far. Head teachers at private schools were recently given a course on how to cope with extorsión threats, and policía will now be able to shoot anyone caught in the act of committing crimes endangering the policía.





- For 40 years of God's faithfulness to Penny in Peru, & for improved health
 - For the results of the "prayer walk" near S. Juan Evangelista, & good relationships with neighbours
 - For the Holiday Club in Jesús el Nazareno
- Becky (Lima); Lizi, (London), Joni (London) – all working

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: 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)

Specific dates:

Sat 12 April "God is faithful" celebration of Penny's 40th anniversary in Peru

Sat 3 May "Crossing to the other shore" workshop for S.Lima

Fri 30/Sat 31 May Diocesan Episcopal Electoral Synod

Thurs 26-Sun 29 June Peru Tres Días women's Retreat (Penny)

Thurs 3-Sun 6 July Peru Tres Días men's Retreat (JC)

Fri 11/Sat 12 July Safeguarding renewal course

Mon 28/Tues 29 July Peruvian Independence celebrations

Sat 2 Aug Start of teenagers' group in J el Nazareno – Karla + Melany

Sat 5 Sep Presentation of book "History of the Anglican Church in Peru" (JC)

As we thank God for His faithfulness, thank you too for your support of us and so many others here – in the Church, communal kitchens, etc. Please contact us at WhatsApp +51-942612987 or email psmarcesinlima@gmail.com

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

Juan Carlos & Penny