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The love of Christ at work in the streets of Perú

News from Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramírez serving the Lord in Lima, Perú.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
¡Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo!**

Greetings to all of you in the joy of our Savior Jesus Christ who has been born to us. We pray that this finds each of you healthy and happy this new year full of the peace and joy given to us only by Christ our Lord. From our family to yours, love and blessings in the name of the one true king the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We spent Christmas this year with family from Jeancarlos' side and friends in the church, who are truly family; a family made not through birth but through the blood our Savior Jesus Christ and our baptism which binds us to him and to one another.

Jeancarlos has been doing well over the last several months. The doctor has been very pleased with his recovery and process since the embolization in November. The doctor has indicated that Jeancarlos will need another embolization. We will seek to do this procedure at the end of Feb. We praise the Lord for the success of the interventions and medications so far and give thanks for the health which he has given to Jeancarlos. We also pray that this second embolization can be as much of a success as the first one.

Jeancarlos has also received his Visa. We are extremely excited to begin planning for home service, a wedding celebration and a chance to spend time with all of you. We hope to be in the US Spring 2018. Please consider hosting a mission event and inviting us to share with your congregation.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Thanksgiving

Please pray for Jeancarlos' health.

We give thanks for the service of Levi Karth as DCE Intern and pray that the Lord bless him in his new job.

We rejoice to have received a US visa.

Please pray for Venezuela and the many Venezuelans who have been misplaced because of the suffering in their country.

Please pray for Pastor Hosch and his family who are traveling in the States for Home Service.

Please pray for Jorge, Carolina and Denys members of the church who have been physically ill.

Shifting Roles

Throughout the last several months, I have been working with Deaconess Jackie to train her on the work in La Victoria and to help her get settled there. With the arrival of 2018, the new summer programming has started in La Victoria and my responsibilities have finally come to an end. Ending my responsibilities in La Victoria gives me the ability to focus more time on other areas of the ministry in Peru, namely short-term teams, women's ministries, and the mission sites of Los Olivos and Chorrillos. I am confident that the Lord will continue to work in the ministry in La Victoria and in through Deaconess Jackie. I am excited to focus on new roles but also a little sad to leave an old one behind.



Deaconess Jackie Duke at Castillo Fuerte La Victoria



Left: the women at the church in Los Olivos
Above: the babies at Castillo Fuerte Chorrillos

Over the last several months the work in San Juan de Lurigancho has been changing form. Jeancarlos and Vicar Osmel continue working faithfully teaching the gospel and building the relationship with the children and their families. We have reduced our programming from five days a week to two. We are seeking to focus more on bringing the kids Jesus and His Word. Really focusing on the highest priority of the mission to which the Lord has called



Pastor Eddie at San Juan de Lurigancho

A Note from Jeancarlos

Hi, is the first time that I'm writing in a newsletter. I hope that you will get to know me and my work too. So my work to start this year with the church is more to help with building up the communities in the churches that we have. I help in the form a connection between the community and the church. For that reason, I work with CPTLN (the Spanish branch of Lutheran Hour Ministries) to make events with families. We have different topics to help the family and point them to Christ in difficult moments. Next month you will see what we are doing with the different communities in the churches. I would like that you would pray for that program that in the future everything would be good and Christ would be glorified. Thanks for all your prayers and your help so that all things may be possible in Christ.— Jeancarlos Ramirez.

Caitlin & Jeancarlos will be visiting the USA!

We hope to do home service in April & May 2018.

If you'd like to have us visit your church, or to meet with us individually to learn more about the work in Peru please email us at caitlin.worden@lcmsintl.org.

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Castillo Fuerte—La Victoria

Christmas Celebrations

in the Mission!

All of our churches and Castillo Fuertes celebrated the arrival of our savior's birth with a chocolatada. This common Peruvian Christmas tradition involves activities for the family and hot chocolate and panéton, an Italian fruit cake. Additionally our churches in Los Olivos and La Victoria celebrated Christmas eve with a candle light service and the singing of Silent Night as I'm sure many of your churches did as well.



Castillo Fuerte—Chorrillos

In La Victoria, the chocolatada showed a Christmas movie and the kids sang Christmas carols which they learned in both Spanish and English! The children also received bible story books and balls for Christmas presents.

In Chorrillos, the children danced celebrating the arrival of our Savior's birth. They wore costumes of traditional Peruvian dress and celebrated their rich culture and the many gifts the Lord has given us. Mothers and children alike enjoyed the hot chocolate and Paneton.

In San Juan de Lurigancho, the children preformed a Christmas play for their parents telling the story of Christ's birth. We heard the gospel message proclaimed from the mouth of even the littlest of children.

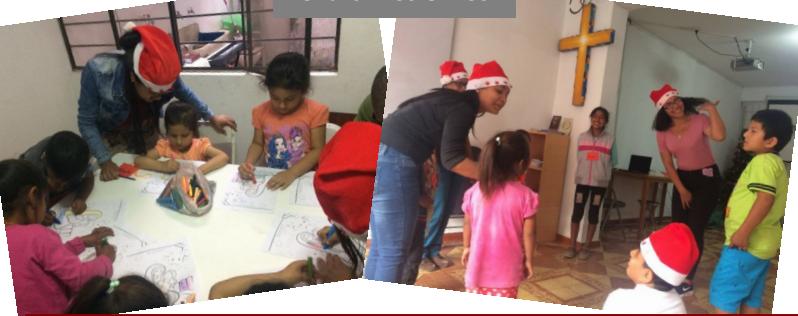
In Los Olivos, the chocolatada and Christmas celebrations were particularly marked by the help of so many volunteers. Members of the church did the shopping for supplies, wrapping of gifts, making the hot chocolate and panéton and even the teaching of the Christmas story of Jesus birth.

Church Los Olivos



Castillo Fuerte—San Juan de Lurigancho

In San Borja, the English conversation group watched the Charlie Brown Christmas movie and practiced their English discussing American holiday traditions.



Sending a Short-Term Team

If your church is interested in sending a short term team please contact me at caitlin.worden@lcmsintl.org. We have open teams in 2018 and 2019.

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