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We joyfully share with you our news; especially because we are very grateful for our life and mission in Peru and our experiences during the month of February.

CHANGES IN OUR DIRECTORY

Please change the following information in the V.P. Directory:

- * The new cell phone number for Sister Agripina Morales is 952663108.
- * The new Email address for Sister Mary Luz Salazar is csjperumary2022@gmail.com

CELEBRATION FOR VALENTINES DAY (DIA DE LA AMISTAD) By Maritza, csj

The "Amigas de San José" (Friends of St. Joseph) invited us to a virtual celebration of our friendship on February 12th. They organized a program with poems, songs, prayers, memories and they celebrated the process of our becoming Friends. Their creativity and organization were fantastic.



VICEPROVINCIAL HOUSE "SAN JOSÉ" (Jesús María, Lima) By María Inés and Maritza, csj

Good morning, you are very present to us, especially in our prayers. We want to share with you some of the experiences we have lived during this month of February:

Ketty, Giannina and Fanny visited us on the 2nd of February bringing with them some clothes and other articles' for the people who have the most need. They are very active in our San José Parish' in their activities and they told us that they want to continue to share their gifts by putting them at the service of the dear neighbor. They are very happy to be able to bring their donations to us so that we can distribute them to the poor. This time, the donation will go to the families in Canto Chico.



Maritza, Giannina, Kelly and Fanny (in front)

We had a visit from Sister Anne Davis on Feb 9th, she had the opportunity to help Betty with her audiobooks and she also participated in the Los Angeles Province Discernment Process.



On the 11th of February, Sisters Gloria, Betty and Maritza went to visit the community of The Great Love of God in Canto Chico. They were anticipating their greetings to Yolanda for

her birthday the 13th of February. We enjoyed our sharing and just being together and had a delicious lunch. Thank you, Sisters, for your hospitality and welcome!



For a month, María Inés enjoyed a visit with her family in Miami. She spent most of her time there with her sister Juanita but also had significant visits with her nephews. She returned home to Lima very grateful for the time shared with her family and for the memory of the beautiful Miami Beaches.



María, her sister and Ines, a friend,



María Inés and her nephew, Antony

After two years of not being able to travel, Sister Genoveva went to Puno for her home visit with her family, on February 15th. She returned feeling very renewed and happy because of the meetings she had with her sisters, her nieces and nephews and because the summer rain and hail have changed the scenery in her native land; recreated Puno and, tuning the fields from brown to green.

Sister Robertina returned from her home visit with her family on the 21st of February.. She had time to be with her parents, sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews. They also, had time to be together to visit the grave of her sister, Adela and to celebrate the feast day of the Child Jesus.



Zaida, Agripina and María Elena, from Tacna were in Lima for their retreat and medical check-ups. We enjoyed their visit here with us as well.

As part of our commitment to be more attentive and supportive to the Fontbonne Community, we went to Carapongo to celebrate and accompany Ruth on her Birthday, February 23rd. We enjoyed our visit sharing a delicious breakfast and each other.



We Thank God for Ruth's life.



Singing the "Happy Birthday"



The center House continues the ministry of being companion and listener to persons who need a listening ear. Maria Ines accompanies some of our neighbors from the barrio assuring them that they are not alone and that Jesus is with them in all the experiences of their lives.

COMMUNITY OF THE GREAT LOVE OF GOD (Canto Chico, Lima) By Yolanda, csj

In August 2021, UNHCR (United Nations Refugee Agency), Sister of St. Joseph, Apostolic Sisters, and Fr. Aníbal of the Holy Cross Congregation, started the Violin project for 15 Venezuelan girls and 15 Peruvian girls. With this project, it is desired that more girls develop abilities and skills that encourage them to display their different talents in artistic and cultural spaces in order to promote gender equality between men and women. This year in January a violin was delivered to each girl. They have a teacher who specializes in the violin and the girls will soon delight us with a concert.

Thanks to UNHCR and to us sisters who work with hope and enthusiasm to improve the lives of the most vulnerable, such as children.



We make our commitment to take care of our common home from the simplest details. For this reason, we visited "Lombriz Feliz" (The Happy Earthworm) Ecological Center, in the Primero de Mayo settlement in San Juan de Lurigancho. This place faced two challenges that directly affected the population; the first was the tremendous accumulation of garbage/waste and, at the same time, the cholera epidemic.

Faced with this reality, María Nieto, together with some neighbors and missionary volunteers from Germany, bought worms that fed on waste. With this mechanism they saw a great solution to the problem garbage/waste emerge.

Today the ecological center has more than two million worms (Californian) that transform tons of waste into compost and humus. Thanks to their commitment to the environment, the initiative received the National Prize for Environmental Citizenship in 2013.

The non-profit organization aims to continue replicating its model in different cities of the country and other places in Lima. In this ecological center, different and beautiful natural

plants, compost, humus are for sale. From inorganic recycling they make different ornaments and utensils; In addition, they raise guinea pigs, rabbits, birds, and others creatures.



Sisters Mary Luz, Doreen, Yoli and Anne, visiting Lombriz Feliz Ecological Center



Special encounters with the dear neighbor

Our sister Doreen is visiting some families in Canto Chico and accompanying them in their grief processes. Her generosity, simplicity and tenderness are good qualities for connecting with our neighbors.



Leaving physical work to celebrate and enjoy life in recreation spaces with neighborhood girls. Our sister Anne and Doreen visited Hanna and Betty to celebrate Betty's 10th birthday.



Another nice outing that we enjoyed as a community was with Doris, Nadin, Betty, Hanna and our Canto Chico community at the beach. These outings help to rest and relax.



Our sister Mary Luz prepared Doris and Nadin (who live near our house) for the Sacrament of Baptism.



Father Camilo, making the sign of the cross on Doris



Father Camilo sharing the Light of Christ with Doris, Nadin, their father, and their Godmother



Juan, father of Doris and Nadin, and the Godmother of the girls

One of Caritas Lima's projects this year will focus on addressing the mental health of various migrant families. In this project, our sister Yoli will be responsible for facilitating

the various monthly workshops based on her experience as a psychologist. Yoli notes, "I feel gratitude and joy at the many opportunities I have to share my gifts, abilities, and talents. In addition, I am grateful because with the others I continue to learn".

UNITED IN PRAYER

- ❖ We are united in prayer for the critical situation between the countries of Ukraine and Russia, that peace may be found and that the common good will prevail.
- ❖ During this time of Lent may we convert our whole being that we can witness the *Great Love of God* in all possible ways.