

Ministeria Juvenil

News from Peru's Anglican Youth Ministry

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*Hi dear friends
in faith!*

We want to thank the Lord for all the good news and blessings that He is doing with the young people in our beloved Peru. We want to give you thanks for your constant prayers for

the young people, for their leaders and for me. It makes us feel that we have a large family around the world who have us in their hearts thinking of and praying for us and I can see God responding to you here.

Time passes by so quickly serving the young people between pastoral visits, activities and camps so I took some time out from daily routine to go and look for time alone with God and for the joy of his salvation. Between the routine and life's difficulties I had been losing that joy. A few days beforehand the testimonies of some of the young people filled me with joy and they surprised me with how God was

speaking to me and ministering to me through them. On the special weekend away "the grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:14) filling my heart with what only the Lord knows how to give. It focused me on the author of my salvation, on the true purpose that the Lord has for my life and why I do what I enjoy so much – serving young people. As the song says "the joy that the Lord has put in me is the strength in my life". Although levels of motivation will come and go, each day I need to remember that I must be "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2) and not on earthly things, nor on personal desires that sometimes aren't achieved. Jesus, being God, gave his life in obedience to his Father



"Happening" in Juliaca – Youth outreach at 4000m above sea level!

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Teenager's Summer Camp Lima2013

and for his love for his neighbour. So I return encouraged to continue with my eyes fixed on Him, to follow his ways, to continue loving and serving God and my neighbour in this ministry that God through his grace has given me with young people. I ask for your prayers so that God continues to fill my life with his love, with his confidence and joy and that this is seen reflected in everything that I do for him. Please always lift me up with your prayers dear brothers and sisters.

The Youth Ministry team grows!

Thanks be to God that in February the Area Dean for the south of Peru (responsible for the regions of Arequipa and Juliaca) named Deacon **Victor Condori Chipana** as the clergy person responsible for the youth ministry in this region. This is a great blessing because the youth leaders and young people in these areas now have better pastoral

support and more opportunities to strengthen the youth leadership and ministry. Victor is married with Maribel, they have two children, Manuel and Isabel, and they live in Arequipa. He is training the leaders and making pastoral visits to the parishes and missions. Together with the youth leaders they have looked for their common objective which for the young people in the Southern region is "Proclaiming and presenting the living Christ, working pastorally together, building a living Church that bears testimony of faith and life in community". We pray that God guides them and shows them the way to achieve it!

Susan Averos is a youth leader at Christ the Redeemer Church, located in the south of Lima. She is a Christian who is strongly committed to God. She has a great family who also serve God in the parish. She is currently studying to be a Communication and Literature teacher and is now the person



Victor and Maribel

Having Victor involved in the youth ministry has been a great blessing. He is involved in pastoral work at the church schools, helps youth leaders and is looking at ways to grow the youth ministry in the south of Peru. He does not have a parish to support him financially. The Diocese of Peru has been under financial pressure recently and so it is hard to find the funds to enable Victor to do this work. If you would like to know more about Victor's ministry, would like to pray for him or would like to help support his work financially please contact Paul at paulandsarahinlima@hotmail.com.



Our new youth intern Susan

It's not just the youth ministry team that's growing. We're seeing God's Spirit at work in the young people across the diocese and drawing young people to him. For instance, the youth camp in the southern region where Victor is working only began in 2010. In 2012 around 30 attended. In 2013 that number doubled. It's not just about numbers of course but we hope it encourages you!

responsible for youth ministry communications.

Please pray for

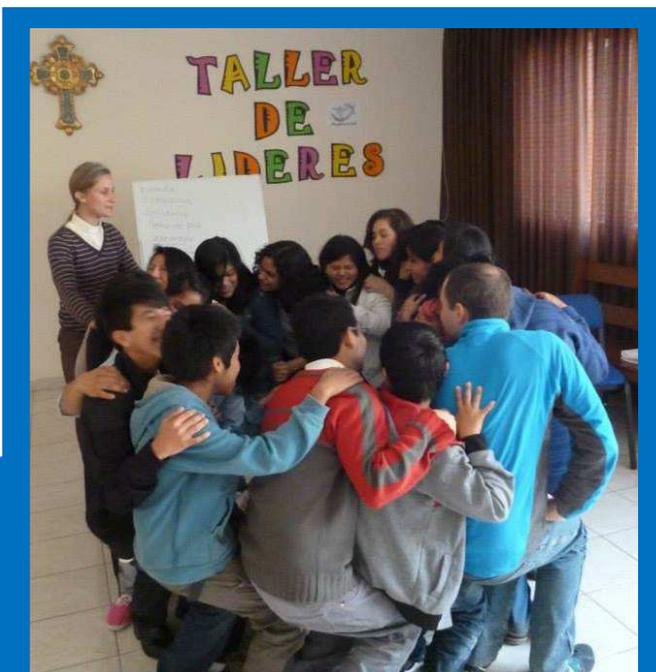
her, for her studies, that the Lord will use her greatly with the gifts that he has given her and that she will be a great blessing for the young people of her parish and our diocese.

guiding them to attend to the needs of their young people. We hope that they will be the ones who achieve the goals that they set for the young people in their activities together. We would like to set up a regional coordinator for this large area and that as a diocesan team we can be free to go where the Lord wants us to strengthen the leadership in other parts of the country.

Youth Ministry in Lima

This year we are investing time so that the youth leaders in Lima can find a common objective for the young people of their region (Lima is the area that has the most parishes and missions in Peru). We hope that they will become more involved and find how God is

Susan is taking on responsibility for youth ministry communications and is studying English and so we thought it would be good to include this report on the recent youth leader's workshop in Lima. In her own words, translated by her into English: "The workshop was on August 24 and the subject was "The Real Role of the Leader". To me it was a great experience, I learned a lot about being a good leader. It started very early in the morning until the afternoon. The first speaker was Rachel Hill. She taught us with more examples and games. I participated in one of those. The second speaker was José Yactayo. He gave us methods to motivate teenagers and the last speaker was Jorge Zamudio, he talk about how to be a good counselor.



Youth Leader's Workshop Lima 2013



New Horizons

Each year the youth ministry organises a mission trip where young people serve in mission in a different area of the country. This year it was in the central Andes in Jauja, Ajuac and Huancayo. The Anglican Church has opened new missions there and the young people went to encourage and help grow the youth ministry there. Here are some of the group looking out over Huancayo.

The young leaders were very enthusiastic and participated asking many questions. The speakers were really friendly and creative. The workshop was very interesting, I will never forget."

God shows us new horizons:

God has led us in his will through the things that we have invested time and energy in. It has been good to see the fruits of that but we are also conscious that there are other areas and places where we hope to strengthen the youth ministry. There are three things that God continually keeps showing us in our team meetings:

1. Look for the way that we can work and respond to the reality and problems that the young people live daily in their homes, both at a diocesan and parish level.
2. We want to encourage a spirit of service in the young people in their churches, communities and in society.



3. We want to continue visiting the new missions that the diocese is opening in the interior of the country (in Huancayo, Jauja, Chiclayo and Cajamarca) to get to know the young people and share the hope and desire to share the gospel with the young people in these areas.

For your prayers

- For the Diocesan Youth Ministry team – Rachel Hill (Deacon responsible for youth ministry), Paul Tester (missionary), Victor Condori (Deacon responsible for youth ministry in the southern region), David Rivas (Intern responsible for youth leader workshops), Susan Averos (Intern responsible for communications) and Lizbeth Varillas (Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator). May the Lord continue to guide us with his Holy Spirit in the plans that he puts in our hearts and in the needs of the Church.
- For our Bishop, William Godfrey, for the restoration of his health and that God continues to guide him and the clergy in

Young people in Ajuac joining hands to pray...before food!



Victor praying with young people on camp

their plans for mission in the Diocese of Peru.

- For the young people of the Southern region, that the faith of the young people and the leaders there continues to strengthen with the presence of Victor as Deacon.
- For the youth leaders in Lima, that they take the initiative and participate in building a vision for the youth ministry in Lima.
- For the missions in Huancayo, Jauja, Cajamarca and Chiclayo, that the Lord helps us to plant seeds and awaken a desire to guide the young people in these areas in their faith.
- For the young people of our country who still don't know God, that God uses all of the Christian young people and their leaders to evangelize them.
- For the National Youth Leaders Retreat to be held in November (8th-10th), that we may hear the call to be the leaders that God wants to transform us into.

Thank you for your support!



Youth gathering Lima 2013



**Youth leader's retreat 2012 –
Discipleship in 3D!**



Youth Camp - Lima 2013

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”