



THE SOUTH AMERICAN MISSION SOCIETY

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NEWS ABOUT

Julio and Norma Montoya in Lima, Peru, Pentecost 2008



Easter blessing by Julio at Holy Trinity, Pamplona Alta

Dear and beloved friends,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus.

In our church Holy Trinity we celebrated Easter from the Triumphal Entry to the Last Supper with foot-washing. It was a very emotional moment for the members whose feet the pastor washed. Then we celebrated Resurrection Sunday with the children from the Child Day Care Centre and brothers and sisters from the mission churches. We had very lovely times praising God. We all glorified God with tambourines and joy, for his great love. We are meant to serve and praise Him.

We are working with a ducks project in a place in Pamplona called '2000 valley'. We started our work there earlier this year. We are praying for a mission

congregation strengthened in the Lord. Julio and Anderson are working there, and around 40 people gather for worship.



Folks from 2000 valley with Norma

They have great need of clean water and electric light. At present conditions in Peru are very difficult owing to inflation. Some things which are important for human consumption like bread, chicken, eggs and vegetables have gone up in price.

The State, with its aid programmes for the most needy, gives them food in the 'people's soup-kitchens'. But not everyone manages to receive aid. We as a church are addressing the need to help the most needy. Also there are instances of people who need an operation, or need vitamins to counter anaemia, and Erika, our daughter, as a social worker seeks out people to help them.

Again there are floods in the forest area of our country, and for this reason farmers' lands are ruined. Lorries loaded with vegetables are brought to a halt because they cannot get through due to the rains.

At St Paul's mission the brothers and sisters meet on Mondays. Some of them are going to begin classes in the seminary (church training college). We pray that the Lord blesses them and fills them with understanding and wisdom.

The other mission churches send greetings to you and your churches. We all love you and pray for you.

In Jesus Christ, Norma and Julio



Children from St Paul's mission church enjoy their panetone and chocolate drink with Isabel Montoya at Holy Trinity Christmas celebration

From the Director of the Child Day Care Centre and School

Hi, beloved in Christ,

Thank you for your help. We have just finished the school summer term. We achieved a lot with the children of the Day Care Centre and the church during January and half of February, each day from Monday to Friday. We are re-painting and looking for resources to make good the chairs, tables, dishes, mugs and other kitchen and classroom equipment. What we have got will not be much use this year. We need help from everyone to renew them. This year we shall have more children with the help of God. We shall be able to look after all of them. But our problem is the space. Two classrooms

are fitted out in the church, but one more year the space will not be suitable for the children. We need a place suited to looking after them, and we are searching for a house to buy. While the bishop is away [recuperating from a serious operation] there is no way to carry anything forward. One needs to search for donors with the help of the bishop. But I am sharing with you because you help me with your prayers. I am very worried. The space remains tiny, and there is such a need here that it would bring great sadness if we had to stop receiving the children that come to be looked after, simply because there is no space. This year we expect to look after 120 children.

Thank you for your love and your concern to help us. We are not alone in this. You help us and this encourages us to go forward. Thank you for everything. We love you.

In Christ Isabel Montoya 25.2.08

We request your prayers for all the children and the teachers for a new school year [the official school year begins in March and ends in December. The day care centre adds a 'summer term' in January and half of February.] and for the families that each child represents.

Thanks for all your love towards us. We love you in the Lord.

Isabel Montoya 2.03.08



Tinies at the Child Day Care Centre

Hi

We have had lots happening at Easter. Palm Sunday was our first meeting of the children and their families together. It was a really beautiful time of the children singing.

During Holy Week on Thursday we had a Holy Eucharist and the pastor washed the feet of the members who wanted it. On Resurrection Sunday we celebrated in the morning, the whole church and the members of the mission churches, together with the school. We ended with a shared meal, cold drinks and tuna rolls.

We restarted the classes on March 3. Actually we have fitted out a classroom in the balcony of the church for the older, grade 3, children. One child from this class is an invalid. Teacher Jorge lifts him up and carries him to his classroom because he has to go up a staircase. We have 98 registered children. We expect to reach a higher number in the coming weeks. There is no reply so far to the request for a loan to buy the house. We hope that it will be quick.

At the end of the week we had a synod meeting led by my father and Revd Marentes. Anderson [Isabel's husband, newly made deacon and curate at the Cathedral. The Dean is away on home leave in the USA] led the morning and evening services. It was a tiring end of the week, but it was lovely to share with other Christians and to learn about the activities of the diocese.

Thank you for your help. Greetings to all, blessed in the Lord!

In Christ, Isabel Montoya. 2.04.08



Anderson teaching at Sunday School



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