



## Update from Albino and Sandy Rodriguez March 2021

Dear friends,

Greetings from the Southern Hemisphere! We have enjoyed the warmer weather and rains; the summer vacation, however, is drawing to a close. Doriana (4th grade), Tobias (2nd grade), and Felicity (kindergarten) started the adventure of homeschooling officially on March 1. Although the kids have been missing school friends for the past year, we are excited for the opportunities this new program and schedule affords the family. In December, COVID-19 restrictions were lifted and life was back to normal except for mask-wearing, people respecting lines, and temperature checks at stores. In February, the pandemic crept back into life. Every two weeks the Peruvian president announces the new quarantines and curfews for the country. Two Cusco counties are in extreme lockdowns; one person per family, per day, is allowed out for one hour to take care of the necessary grocery shopping and banking. Our county is in the VERY HIGH restrictions; thankfully, children are still allowed out of the house. All schools are virtual again this year. Thus, the ministry is not accepting new students until it is clearer what happens with COVID-19 restrictions. As soon as we get the “all-clear,” we will open one or two apartments for new youth.

Since our in-person ministry with La Casa del Maestro has slowed down quite a bit due to COVID-19, we are focused on compiling and writing curriculum—better organization and leadership resources. We also continue to disciple the seven students still involved in the residence program. Six university and institute students are finishing the semester via online classes. With the help of the house parents, students participate in regular meetings and Bible studies. This year we are following a chronological Bible plan.

We also have the honor of serving more with our church and missionary communities. Life has been more complicated with people “stuck” in Peru or “stuck” in the U.S. We have gone through storage items, gone on grocery runs for those in quarantine, etc. We also continue to help those in need through food distribution.

Thank you for all the donations. We did use some of the funds available to purchase an oxygen tank (\$775). The cost is out of reach for the average family. Hopefully, this will help some stay out of the overrun hospitals. We are available for the need God puts before us.

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*Delivering Operation Christmas Child boxes with our church. Sandy has recorded videos for the Grand Adventure, evangelical lessons.*



*Who knows? Maybe we delivered a box you donated. Thank you to all who gave. The smiles we saw brightened our day.*

We take life one day at a time, waiting on God's best timing.

Blessings,  
Albino and Sandy Rodríguez