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Dear friends,

Since the last newsletter, we worked and served at a regular rhythm. Students studied and worked. Albino went into Casa del Maestro (CdM) each day to teach and talk with the youth. The kids and I homeschooled, participated in sports, and saw the youth when they came over for game days or to work in the carpentry shop/garage. Daily life was just normal.

Corpus Cristi, festival dances, and *Inti Raymi* have added spice to life in June. *Kausachun Q'osqo!* (Long live Cusco!) This year we also welcomed visitors from the States. It is always a joy to show off Cusco and the ministry. Also, a Hope College student just left today after spending two weeks living in the CdM student dorms. While getting to explore Cusco and improve her Spanish, she invested in the girls, getting to know them on a personal basis.



Traditional dances performed by the students to celebrate Cusco.



Huatias (clay ovens) pop up in fields during June; potatoes, sweet potatoes, and fava beans are baked and paired with fresh cheese for a traditional feast.

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When we first started working full-time with CdM and opened the residence, the ministry button was paused whenever we went on furlough or had a vacation. No one else continued the Bible studies or meetings or oversaw the residence. Oh, how times have changed! In July, our family goes on vacation. God has formed an amazing team that will continue the ministry. Resident students and church volunteers teach and meet with students. Resident assistants oversee the dorms. And best of all, CdM has a Peruvian director, Yoni Carbajal; we leave everything in her capable hands. Through her personal experience migrating to the city and her strong personal relationship with God, she has deep empathy and much wisdom to impart. Not only does she disciple, but she also takes care of all the practical legalities, like paying the bills! Please pray for her as she oversees the ministry, volunteers, and students. We thank God for her and all the volunteers that make CdM possible.

As always, we enjoy hearing from you. Please let us know how you are and how we can pray for you.

Blessings,
Albino, Sandy, and the kids