



**October 2023**

Dear Friends,

In 2010, Albino and I (Sandy) helped found Casa del Maestro (CdM). We embarked upon the path to see Cusco youth prepared with Christian biblical values and principles, sure of their calling, and trained with the necessary skills to help them face the challenges of the modern world. (CdM Vision statement)

Simply put, our vision is to see students find their salvation and identity in Jesus Christ. Over the last few years, God gave us this mission to accomplish. It is incredible to see how this has come to fruition in 2023, and it gives us reason to be excited for more growth in 2024. Praise God with us for all he is doing in Cusco.

*La Casa del Maestro, together with indigenous families and churches, seeks to equip and empower Quechua youth in Southern Peru. This is accomplished through a holistic and sustainable discipleship program that recognizes the true source of life and salvation in Christ. Youth learn to navigate the modern world, provide for themselves, and contribute to society in order to bring about generational change. (CdM Mission Statement)*

**...together with indigenous families...** Students and their families are responsible for the costs of living and education. Donations to CdM pay for housing and utilities.



CdM hosts three days a year for parents to visit and hear news from CdM and the youth. In August, to change things up, parents prepared cuy (guinea pig) as a special treat for everyone, and students performed traditional dances.

Would you like to receive these updates digitally? Please email Kelli at [kgilmore@rca.org](mailto:kgilmore@rca.org) to be added to the email list. You will receive more timely updates from the missionary you support and help us be good stewards of our resources.



**...together with...churches...** This year eight volunteers from the Peruvian church taught academic and Bible classes. Moreover, a couple of church small groups “adopted” students, intentionally calling to encourage them during the week. We hope to see more churches increase their involvement in the coming year.



North American churches and visitors have sent gifts and lifted specific prayers for students. A partner church had a three-day medical campaign that we helped. Furthermore, the financial donations make the CdM program possible.

**...holistic and sustainable discipleship program...** Students learn everything from practical life skills to biblical doctrine.



This year Albino taught carpentry, a practical skill that can also be a source of income.

**...the true source of life and salvation in Christ...**



Eva and Elvis were both baptized this year.

**...provide for themselves...** Sharing resources is one benefit of living in community; pooling their money together for the grocery bill reduces costs and taking turns cooking reduces the time given to basic needs. Also, students

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have helped each other find employment. For example, Yanina, a nursing student, trained Rosa so she could care for an elderly couple. Lastly, because students saved money during their time with CdM, program graduates start out with a better financial foundation.



**...bring about generational change....** We draw help from our own community as resident students tutor the new youth. Amazingly, we have even been around long enough to see past students marry and have children; it is a joy to see them raise their little ones in an intentional Christian home.



We ran in a fundraiser for World Vision.

As I hope you see, we do not achieve this mission or see the vision come to life without others' participation. Your prayers keep us motivated and encourage the students. Your financial gifts make it possible for our family to dedicate our energies to the ministry and for students to participate. THANK YOU! If you would like to know more about how you can participate with 1) our family and/or 2) CdM, please reach out—  
sandyjoy98@gmail.com or check out [www.casadelmaestro.org](http://www.casadelmaestro.org). Again, we thank you for your partnership.

God bless,  
The Rodriguez Family (Albino, Sandy, Dorian, Tobias, and Felicity)



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