



Sandy and Albino Rodriguez - Peru

It is hard to believe that 2023 started with political upheaval, violent protests, and stresses of propane and gasoline blockades. All of this activity in Peru, plus the global phenomena of inflation, added stress to our students. Praise the Lord that we have been always safe, always able to find propane, and always able to put food on the table. The rise of inflation, however, continues to be a stressor for our students. The higher costs of living mean that students must dedicate more time to work and count their *céntimos*. Because of your generous financial support, Casa del Maestro can take the burden of rent and utilities from the students. We are also able to spend precious time with them in discipleship and teaching. Thank you!!

One of the students we have seen thrive in CdM is Eva. At the beginning of each calendar year, we accept new students. They come from their rural communities with undefined dreams to change their futures. The physical appearance mirrors the heart-hunched shoulders, shrouded eyes, and a general disheveled look. February 2023, Eva exemplified this. For her, it came from an abandonment of her parents and financial struggles. She had a hopelessness that this poverty could not be overcome. Throughout the 11 months, we have seen Eva lean into the Word, apply the teachings of Proverbs by Albino, hear the gospel from Yoni the director, read the truth in her required daily Bible devotions, and rely on the community of believers. Her heart has changed this year. She knows to whom she belongs and was baptized in June. Her physical circumstances have not changed; if anything it's more difficult. Her clothes may still speak of poverty, but her countenance is one of confidence and joy, the head held high and a smile on her face. Her life and eternal future are forever changed; we continue to pray for the rest of the family that they, too, will see the difference Jesus has made for Eva and will choose to follow Him.



Please Pray

- Self-sustainability is a long-term goal for CdM. Not only will businesses provide support for the ministry, but they can also hire students who need flexible employment opportunities. We have traveled different avenues but none have lasted. Please continue to pray for opportunities and someone with experience and knowledge who can facilitate this endeavor.
- Cada del Maestro touches students' lives for such a short time. Sometimes it's only for a weekend workshop and other times we are blessed to have them with us for several years. Pray for the students as they leave CdM, that they will remain in Jesus and apply the principles and values they learned from CdM within their lives.



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