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Dear friends,

In our last newsletter, we mentioned how we anticipated a return to a routine. Well, we enjoyed that for a couple of weeks. God carried us through some emergency health issues in September. We are grateful for all the support we received and for the quick recovery. We seem to be back on the road again.

Ministry News...

Despite the disruption in our personal lives, La Casa del Maestro work continued. Praise God that all our students are gainfully employed. For most Academy (first year) students, it is the first time working for someone outside of the family. Once again, the community of CdM helped by finding employment, giving advice, and encouraging each other in some challenging situations. For example, one student found what seemed to be an ideal job—dancing for a couple of hours per day at a tourist restaurant; however, the pay and some other details were suspect. Thankfully, older students' advice probably saved him from exploitation, if not worse. Working at a laundromat may not be the most glamorous job, but he is now safe.

Meet...

Neptalín (Nick) and Albino. These brothers came to Casa del Maestro this year from a village near Ollantaytambo. (That city may be familiar to those of you who have visited Machupicchu; it is where a main train station is.) Nick is a non-traditional student; he's training to be a professional soccer player! If it doesn't come about soon, his backup plan is to become a PE teacher. Older brother Albino is currently taking advantage of family connections within tourism and is a cook for an Inka Trail trekking company. Money saved this semester will enable him to start studying computer science next year. These respectful and responsible young men are an excellent addition to our CdM community, and we value their friendship with our personal family. (Does anyone else see the MI hand with Nick?)



Would you like to receive these updates digitally? Please email Kelli at 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.

Needs...

It is time for a shameless ask as we near the year's end. We are RCA missionaries sent to work with the Peruvian non-profit ministry, La Casa del Maestro, in Cusco. We trust God to provide faithful financial and prayer partners like yourself to support us. To be part of our sending team, please look at www.rca.org/rodriguez.

Additionally, all the work done by Casa del Maestro with young adults, like Nick and Albino, is only possible because of partners. Donations keep the lights on and a roof over students' heads, and pay the director. Also, educational scholarships help our young adults to thrive in the city. To learn more specifically about what CdM does and how to be involved, check out www.casadelmaestro.org.

It may be a cliché, but we cannot do this work without you. THANK YOU for standing beside us as we serve the Cusco youth!

Blessings,
Albino and Sandy Rodríguez

