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A glimpse at what your support made possible:

Realizing that La Casa del Maestro is going into the tenth year of its residence program puts us in a reflective mood as we close out 2025. What started out as weekend workshops and Bible studies led by a few volunteers and us has grown into a true intentional living community. The first year we made rules to force residents out of their rooms. The house was silent except for our own loud toddlers; now, we have to remind the youth to manage the noise levels for the neighbors. Because of your continued support, the foundation was laid and the ministry grows. Instead of lonely students in rented rooms, we have students sharing meals and hanging out in their free time. They have connected each other to employment opportunities; they have called and responded to each other in emergencies; they have pulled each other out of questionable circumstances; they have tutored for entrance exams and university classes. Today we see the fruits of those first investments in a few lives. Those same students are making the investment in the newer students. We see youth praying for, rejoicing with, comforting, encouraging, and training one another as a true Christian community should.

Specifically in 2025, we were blessed by teams, volunteers, and visitors. These visits provide excitement and chances for different activities, like an Amazing Race around Cusco. They also bring their knowledge to teach us, like art and first aid classes. Best of all, they become friends in the simple moments like a campfire and *churro* (a sweet bread sold on the street) runs as a group. The interaction with foreigners helps CdM youth grow as people, increase their communication skills, and be proud of what they have to offer. The gift of the CdM community keeps on giving. For instance, we took each team to visit a family (two past students, now married with children) living out in the village. This couple blessed the teams AND current students with their incredible hospitality and shared their faith and testimony. These intercultural exchanges strengthen each individual participant and bring together the body of Christ.





Challenges of 2025

This year we reached capacity in our housing situation, which is a good challenge. Though we may have been able to squeeze a few more students into the men's and women's spaces in 2026, we would not have provided the same quality service for which we aim. Also, a full house created more challenges with interpersonal relationships and conflicts. Leadership and Resident Assistants have near daily contact with students through Bible studies and meetings, but it is scheduled opportunities to meet with them. Due to a generous donation, we chose to take a leap of faith and move into new apartments. There is room for at least a couple more years. Also, we rented an extra apartment in the same building in order to reinstate the role of house parents. Now the discipleship opportunities can happen in the moment and are more personal; students also benefit from seeing a solid, Christian family living out their faith.



Please Pray

We are grateful for your continued prayers for the La Casa del Maestro team, students, and us. Thank you for lifting up the following requests. **Please pray for:**

- Continued financial support. Each year we trust that God will provide not only the funds to house current students, but allow us to accept incoming students who need a Christian community to surround them as they make the transition to the city. We want to commit to students for the five years of their post-secondary studies. Also, as the quantity of students grows so do the number of needy students. They barely make ends meet, even with housing costs covered and a shared food budget. [An educational scholarship](#) can help students go from surviving to thriving in their adult life. Pray for more people to sponsor hardworking students.
- Wisdom for the CdM leadership as they disciple students in the transition to adult life. Each individual student has unique family and personal situations that they need to navigate as they apply their faith to daily life.