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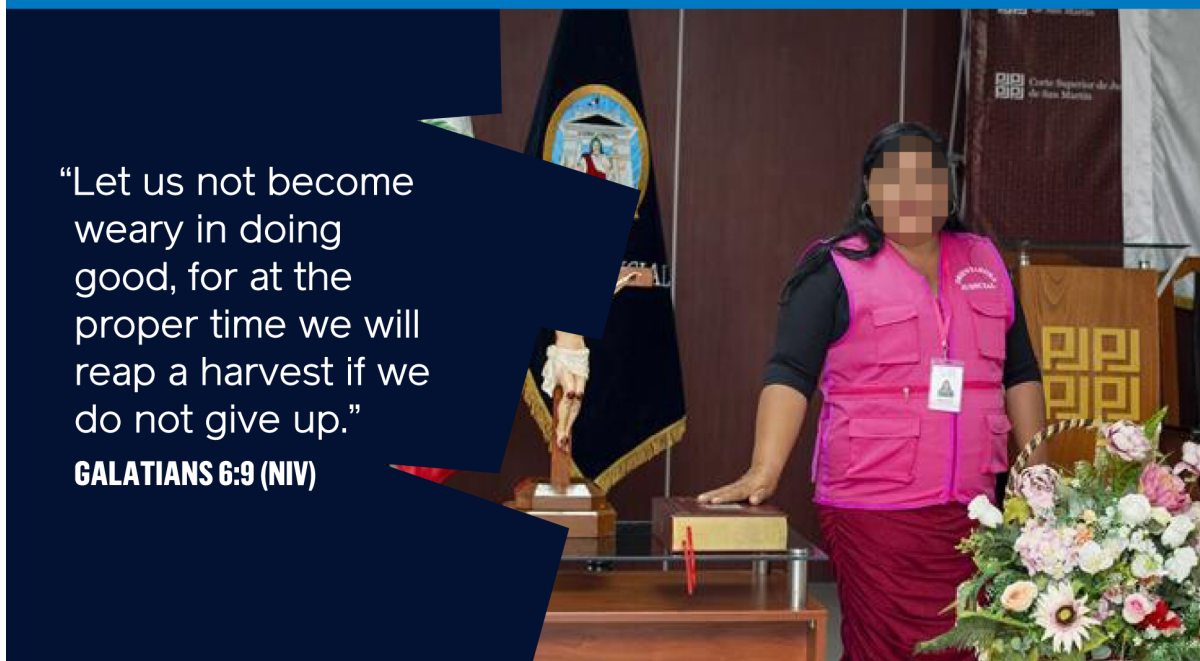


PRAY FOR JUSTICE



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

GALATIANS 6:9 (NIV)



Hi [REDACTED]

Today, we're thanking Jesus for **Montserrat (pictured)**, an awe-inspiring community leader in Peru, who on the frontline combatting violence against women and children in her community.

She's not a lawyer, police officer, or social worker, but after being **trained by IJM and Peru's Judicial Branch** as a Judicial Counsellor, her work speeds up legal processes. This is especially crucial for children and older members of the community, where quick intervention can be life-changing.

She says, *“Now, we do not just help with good intentions—we help with real knowledge. **We know what to do and how to do it right.**”*

Montserrat's personal story is one of courage and determination. She was married at just 13 and was confined to her home for years, until she took a job as a community health worker.

She is often the **first on the scene** when somebody experiences a horrific crime. In one case, **she brought a woman and child to safety after the woman's husband had locked them in a house and set it on fire**. Afterwards, the man threatened to kill Monserrat but it didn't sway her determination for justice.

Please **pray for Monserrat and other women who have been trained** as Judicial Counsellors. The training course is a crucial step in empowering them to bridge the gap between local communities and the justice systems that should help them.

IJM Peru's director, Alfonso Wieland, shares, *“By bringing justice to the most remote areas of Peru, **these counsellors are paving the way for lasting change.**”*

Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father,

We stand in awe of Monserrat and others like her who tirelessly serve you in their communities. Thank you for Monserrat's life and dedication to serving other women.

Please continue to strengthen her to be your hands and feet in Peru, and help us to follow her example by standing up for those who are most at risk in our own communities.

Amen

PRAISE POINTS

101 women just like Monserrat have graduated from the Judicial Counsellors Programme! Thank God for their commitment to seek justice and defend those who are oppressed. Pray for courage as they respond to cases of violence, and for protection as they boldly stand up to abusers.

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for the woman and her child whose case is named above. Pray for comfort and healing from their abuse, and that they receive justice. Pray that the man will never harm them again.

The reality of gender-based violence in Peru is horrifying. Right now, one girl dies every three days. Pray that IJM and our partners can respond in ways that see community transformation. Pray bold prayers that God would move and bring systemic change across the country.

The updates we share can become sensitive over time. To respect and protect survivors, please refrain from posting these prayer requests online – thank you.

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