Good Shepherd Cathedral Prison Ministry for Spanish Speaking Inmates

Lucha, a member of the Good Shepherd Cathedral congregation, has been working with prisoners in the Santa Monica Prison in Chorrillos for 41 years, teaching them various handicrafts and then helping with the sales so that they have a small income. She is now also involved with high-security Virgen de Fatima Prison, also in Chorrillos. Currently 90 women are in the program in the Santa Monica Prison and 100 in the Virgen de Fatima Prison. Lucha obtains many of the necessary materials for the work from friends and family members.

There is a crèche for children up to 3 years old that are living in the prison with their mothers; there are currently 19 children, although there have been as many as 40 in the past. Before the pandemic Lucha obtained clothing, personal hygiene products, milk and other useful donations with help from the church and friends. This has become more difficult with the pandemic but Lucha has committed to providing 3 children with diapers and hygiene products since their families cannot afford these.

Materials are collected from Lucha’s house as she cannot visit the jails in the current circumstances.

Previously Lucha would celebrate the Day of the Child, of the Senior Citizen and Mothers’ Day with the inmates.

During the pandemic she has prepared bookmarks with encouraging Biblical texts to send to the women. Lucha recently held a videoconference with them, and the prison wardens maintain contact with her. She is much appreciated by all. After their release the ex-prisoners can continue their contact with this Ministry.

The Good Shepherd Cathedral provides funds for the prison ministry. Additional support for this program is always welcome in the form of financial contributions and donations of supplies. For additional information regarding the Prison Ministry and how you can contribute, please contact Jean Samaniego at samaniegopritchard@yahoo.co.uk.
Good Shepherd Cathedral Prison Ministry for English Speaking Inmates

Thank you for your interest in supporting Walking in Liberty prison ministry. We work with foreign English-speaking inmates and ex-offenders in Lima. Due to the pandemic, we are currently unable to visit the prisoners, however, we are still able to provide regular care packages for them (monthly for the women and quarterly for the men). We continue to support the female inmates via phone & zoom calls. There is also a group of foreign ex-offenders who live in Lima that we are able to meet up with (at a distance).

Immediate need:
One of our ex-offenders is expecting a baby boy at the end of June.

- Baby boy clothes (New or used)
- Baby boy blankets (New or used)
- Baby boy toys (New or used)
- Nappies/Diapers
- Baby wet wipes

Ongoing for the inmates – Male & Female:
- Suduko/Crossword/Puzzle books (English)
- Jigsaws (complete with all the pieces – condition of box doesn’t matter)
- Towels/bedding/blankets (used or new)
- Plastic crockery (used)
- Shampoo (sachets)
- Deodorant (Sachets)
- Body soap (individually wrapped)
- Toothbrushes (individually packaged)
- Toothpaste
- Toilet rolls (Packs of 2 or 4)
- Bags of washing powder (up to 500g)
- Bars of laundry soap
- Bags of powdered milk
- Boxes of teas/infusions
- Sachets of tuna (not tins – they sell them in Plaza Vea, Tottus & Wong but don’t always stock them – they are normally the Primor brand and look like pouches of cat food!)

For the female inmates:
- Sanitary towels (day)
- Sanitary towels (night)

Thanks again and please do keep praying for the inmates, ex-offenders and our team.

Please drop off any of the aforementioned items at the Cathedral office and they will then be distributed to the inmates and ex-offenders as needed.