Dear Sisters,

Ecclsiastes reminds us that there is a time for everything. One of those moments was when we were all together in our Post Chapter and we relived our experience at the Congregational Chapter. We also shared our CSJ Days with the 4 members of La Familia de Jose from Talca: Maggi, Irma, Elsa and Jorge. Their presence and sharing enhanced our relationship with them. During this time, we celebrated our 57th Anniversary as the Vice Province of Peru.

The fire in the Amazons has disturbed us considerable, calling us to solidarity and prayer keeping in mind the coming of the Synod of the Amazons. There was a Mass celebrated in the catedral which called us to be conscious of and take responsibility for our planet. Bishop Carlos Castillo invited representatives of the Amazonian communities to share how they felt about the situation. After that there was a final benediction uniting us in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, with the hope that we will continue to grow in this pursuit. As Peruvian religious, we are intent on the needs of our communities especially in regard to the care for our planet, home which we share with the whole world.

We continue to support the Venezuelen families who have limited resources and pray that they will be able to face their daily challenges.

With love,

Gloria, Zaida and Maritza

UNEXPECTED TRAVELS

*Our Sister Anne Davis will be in Los Angeles during September so that the doctors can treat her for an aggressive cancer of the skin which was discovered early on. Thanks to the early discovery, Anne informed us yesterday that the surgery was successful. We accompany her with our love and prayers during this time when she will be recuperating. She will return on October 1st.

* Our Sister Teresa Ponce presently, is visiting "the Heroic City" of Tacna to investigate the possibilities for a ministry in the future. We appreciate the warm welcome she received from the community in Tacna, and we wish her a fruitful time there. For us, may this be a time to widen our perpectives for future ministries with the dear neighbor.

*On September 8th, Sister Genoveva will be visiting with her family for a month. We wish her a very good visit with her family.
NEWS FROM SAN JOSE, VICE PROVINCIAL COMMUNITY (JESÚS MARÍA)

AFTER 4 LONG MONTHS in the United States, Sister Betty Conrad returned to the Vice Province of Peru. She said: “It’s good to be home”. She expressed her gratitude for our solidarity at the time of the death of her brother, Chuck. She also said that she was very happy for the time she spent with her sister-in-law Norma and for the opportunity to visit with Dolores in the Provincial House in Los Angeles.

SISTER GENOVEVA HERRERA’S PASTORAL MINISTRY WITH THE PATIENTS AT THE REBAGLIATTI HOSPITAL

There was a pilgrimage to the Virgin of Mount Carmel on all the hospital floors. Jacqueline, one of the patients said: They were going to amputate my leg; it was programmed with the date and the hour, but then she prayed to the Virgin with a lot of faith, asking for a miracle. Then at the last check-up before the operation, the doctors decided that it was not necessary to amputate her leg. Jacqueline was jubilant and gave many THANKS to the Virgin for granting her the miracle. This is one of the many testimonies that Geno joyfully shared with us.

SISTER MARIA VASQUEZ’ PRAYER GROUPS IN THE TWO CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES OF SAN JUAN DE LURIGANCHO

Sharing her experience, María said, “The women of the two biblical prayer groups have learned a lot in the understanding and the meaning in the readings and the Gospels. They shared about what it meant in their own lives with their families, and with their neighbors, etc. The women said that they felt that their communication and understanding of each other had improved, but they admitted that they needed to learn more to continue to grow.”

THE “CONSULTORIO PSICOLOGICO CSJ” – CARAPONGO

We have received visits from two friends, Elva Neira and Annette Kaltembrunner.

Some of the new cases I have received during this month, dealt with marital infidelity. This situation decidedly affects the children as well. We know there are signs of the presence of God and Pope Francis has asked us to society today. His invitation to the families is that they be a laboratory of humanization. “In the family, we learn all the things that will accompany us all our lives. There, our values are formed and above all, it is the place where we first discover love through our parents and our brothers and sisters; they are a reflection of
the love of God. To love and to be loved humanizes us, it helps us to recognize the love of God. Jesus had revealed this way for us. Let us live this love in our families, united in prayer.”

NEWS FROM DEL GRAN AMOR DE DIOS COMMUNITY (CANTO CHICO)

During the month of August, our community accepted surprises and gifts that we received from God, for example:

Gratitude for the achievements we had
Leonardo, one of our student volunteers in the “Salón San José”, succeeded in entering the Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería (UNI, National University for Engineering). He is very happy about the accomplishment and he invited us to celebrate with him, his family and the companions who collaborate in our ministry. Congratulations, Leonardo!

Gratitude for living an experience of faith in God
We know that Jorge, who was in ICU all of July as a result of being shot during a hold-up in a neighborhood store and had several vital organs that were affected. At the time, he didn’t have many possibilities that he could live. Well, God has given him the gift of continuing to live, and now he is home recuperating with his family who came every day to pray for him and now, come to thank God for the miracle of permitting Jorge to continue living with his family.

Service to the dear neighbor through our ministry of psychological counseling:
In the daily processes of life, God renews all our lived experiences. Each of our histories are a Salvation History. From that point of view, I am happy to to accompany, seeing, and contemplating the processes manifested in each person. They come looking for someone to listen to them, to tell their story and to find answers to the experiences that hold them back from growing in their daily living.
(There aren’t any photos in order to protect the persons who come for this service.)

Another gift that we have enjoyed is sharing our capacity for mutual help. It is known that the Sisters “Predicadoras del Evangelio” (Preachers of the Gospel) received more than 36 volunteers in the program from different countries in Europe. Eight volunteers
with two Sisters helped out in our ministry with the children in "Salón San José." It was truly a super dynamic learning and socializing experience whereby we were able to establish relationships connecting us with the above mentioned congregation.

Activities with our feminen volunteers:
Introductions, welcome and presentation, included the Sisters of St. Joseph, the student collaborators of our ministry and the volunteers from Europe. It was a very fraternal meeting where we lived the joy, the surprises and the openness to continue sharing the gifts of time, knowledge and relationships. These are reflected in our ministries; our joy and the hope of the coming of the Reign of God.

The next activity was focused on Remedial Reading. We worked with children who had serious problems with reading.

Another activity was more fun. We played bingo and worked with identifying words, pictures, concentration and reading. The children were motivated to concentrate so they could get the right answers in the game. The objective was to practice speed and concentration.
Another important remedial activity is **Learning Math**. It is a game that the children ask for because it is fun. This time with the participation of the volunteers, the children really had an interesting experience and they enjoyed it very much more than usual.

All the children got **prizes for practicing and studying math, reading and the practice of values**. The gifts they got were thanks to the Sisters and to the volunteers from “Predicadoras del evangelio”.

During the times of giving directions and explanations, the volunteers and the Sisters worked together explaining to the children in the different grades what they had to do for their homework. Their acceptance, warmth, responsibility and commitment helped the children to understand and be able to do their work successfully.

They also gave **special attention to the children with writing deficiencies** so that the children could better their practice of good writing.
The children also gave good use to their talents of art and creativity!

Their moments of warmth and love were very special between the volunteers and the children.

For all of these lived experiences and for those that remain as memories, we give thanks to our God and to our community for the opportunities we have to share life together with our dear neighbor without distinction. In addition, we are grateful to the Sisters and volunteers of the "Predicadoras del Evangelio" for their generosity and willingness to help us in our ministry and for gifting us with a great experience of loving fraternity.
NEWS FROM THE PEQUEÑO PROYECTO COMMUNITY (BRISAS)

Renovation of the Sewerage Pipes
Two months of work on the renovation of all the connecting sewerage pipes, the community has had to endure, noises from heavy machinery, lots and lots of dust filtering into the house, muddy streets, most of the streets in Brisas are blocked causing a lot of inconvenience in the neighborhood, especially for those who have cars. However, at night the noises cease and we know that the project is very good for all of us because with the completion of the project, we will have access to good sewerage and the renovation of sidewalks which will permit the installation of natural gas.

Home Visit to the family
Agripina made for a brief visit to see her mother in Santo Toribio, Ancash. She is concerned about her mother who still lives alone and although, she is recuperating, from a serious illness, she still has a lot of health issues, consequences of that illness. However, her concern is also because of her aging and loss of her eyesight. In spite of all this, her mother can rejoice with her mischievous grandson.

Anniversary of San Tarsicio Patron of the Mass Servers
According to tradition, St. Tarsicius is the patron of all Mass Servers and so the parish celebrates the day with a novena, a Mass, a procession and a fiesta with lots of food. Maritza and Giovanna, a collaborator from the San Mateo Chapel, accompany the group every Saturday morning when they listen to talks, reflect on them and share from their heart whatever they have lived during the week.
Liturgy Committee
This group attends to the liturgical celebrations in the chapel. They have manifested that they feel that they need to strengthen their faith and share more so that they can be more united and be able to work better. For this reason, they come to the convent and Sister Mary Luz accompanies them every Thursday.

Señor José’s Farewell
Señor José is a 67 year old Venezuelen migrant who worked with us in the parish for over a year. He came to Peru to work in order to be able to send money to his family who is in Colombia. His earnings were very limited and to make matters worse his health began to fail, so he decided to go to Colombia to be near his family. At least, if his health got worse his family could take care of him. As he planned his trip, he went to the owner of the place where he worked to get his pay and the man refused to pay him what he had promised. This is typical of the injustices that many Venezuelens have to suffer. But thanks to the intervention of the Liturgy group who went to fight for him; they were able to get the owner to pay him what was just. After that to give him additional help for getting to Colombia, we got a donation from the Sisters of the St. Louis Province for his medicines and a part of his bus ticket to Colombia. We know it’s not much but we hope it will help him in this transition. We admire Sr. Jose’s faith and fortitude; when we prayed with him he would say many times, “With God’s help, I will be okay, I will be able to meet with my wife and children and I know I will get there okay”. And so he traveled on the feast of Santa Rosa. He would have wanted to be here for the procession but his bus going to Colombia left only on Fridays which was the Feast of Santa Rosa. We pray for him and for all those people who have left their country to be able to help their dear families. Have a good trip, dear Jose, until we meet again!

Anni’s Visit
It was a beautiful gesture when Anne Davis came to visit and share with us before her trip. We are very grateful. We sent her off with our special blessing and love and we
continue to pray for her during her recuperation until she comes back to us again. We were so excited that we forgot to take pictures.

**Anniversary of Fe y Alegría School N°5**

We celebrated 53 years in our Fe y Alegría School N° 5. It is one of the schools founded by the Jesuit priest, Jose Maria Vela in 1966. Prior to the date, we had different activities, contests, games and we decorated all over the school. It was a beautiful celebration beginning with the Eucharist, followed by words from the principal, the presentation of student awards, words from one of the first graduating class, and then, several folkloric dances. This was followed by a loncheon for the teachers and visitors. And finally, that night, we had a show with presentations from the students and alumni.

![Choir practice](image1)

![Agripina with the students in the chorus](image2)

![Dances and other presentation after the Anniversary Mass August 29](image3)

**NEWS FROM THE TRINITARIAN COMMUNITY (Tacna)**

**Tacna, Tacna, tierra de ensueño (Tacna, Tacna land of our dreams)**

**Tierra abierta a los brazos de sol (Land open to the sun) (Himno de Tacna)**

Sally, Zaida and María Inés arrived in the Ciudad Heroica de Tacna, glad to be embraced by the sun after experiencing the gray days of Lima. We were very glad also to finally be together after a very “unpredictable and rocky” first semester.

![La que mira de frente al mañana](image4)

*La que mira de frente al mañana (The one who receives each morning)*

*Porque sabe que es fuerza y es luz. (Because she knows it is strength and light)*
We met with the Principal's Team and the Psychology and Pastoral Teams to plan the second semester activities which include: the Tacnenian Fair (See photo below) The multiple activities around the 90th Anniversary of the reincorporation of Tacna back to Peru (See photos below), Visits from the Fe y Alegria Central Office, Family Day at the end of September, Anniversary of the 30 years of the school in October, The Retreat for the sixth grade, The Personnel Espirituality Day, etc.

Tacnenian Fair in the Fe y Alegria School N° 40

The School was selected to participate in the ceremonies of Tacna Day.

La que supo vencer al destino (The one who conquered Destiny)
Y arrancó del enigma su tul.(And snatched meaning from enigma)
On the night of August 15, the Sisters participated in a talk organized by the group, CORAJE on the topic of corruption which was excellent and inspired them to organize Mini-workshops with the teachers and students: “Living Ethically in a Corrupt World” and “Non-Violent Communication”. These will begin in September.

Two events that were planned for the 30 year celebration were championships in sports, one for the parents and another for former students. The parents’ event began with typical dances and terminating with prizes for the winners. The second began with the participation of 20 of the 25 graduating classes of the school.

Avizora, tú ves el futuro
Gente fuerte hoy crea tu afán...
August 10th and 11th we celebrated women of consecrated life as part of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocesis of Tacna

Y sus vilcas extienden sus ramos... (As Trees extend their branches)
Like the trees extend their branches, so the people of Tacna are extending their arms to receive the Venezuelens who are coming to Tacna in droves. Some of them are continuing on to Chile while others decide to stay in Tacna. There are several church groups who are looking for ways to respond to their basic needs, such as food and lodgings.
We, as a community, have extended our arms to receive our Sister Teresa Ponce, who will share life with us for a month. We give her a warm welcome and pray God’s blessing on her during this time in Tacna.

We also welcomed two volunteers, Fe and Cati, who will share our table for lunch from Monday to Friday. Welcomed also were our brothers, the Jesuits, who came for Mass and dinner.

Como ayer cobijaron revanchas, (Just like yesterday revenge was covered,) Hoy cobijan ensueños de paz. (Today, dreams of Peace are embraced.)

One of the most urgent challenges in our Fe y Alegria Family is the family situation in many homes. So, the psychologists, the high school counselors, and the teachers of the primary grades, got together and we tried to help these families by teaching them ways of educating for peace in the home. One was to suggest personal counseling, another was to encourage the parents to participate in the workshops, “Psychoeducate” (Educate yourself in psychology) that offers courses four times during the year.

UNITED IN PRAYER FOR:
* the health of our Sister Anne Davis.
* the families and relatives of all our sisters in all of the congregation.
* those affected by the fires in the Amazon.
* Peruvian and Venezuelan families in difficult circumstances.

We thank God for the life of our sisters and teach Familia de San José-Chile -
SEPTEMBER

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8 Jeanne Marie Gocha
9 Rosa Orellana
13 Mauricia Carcasi
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