



Newsletter

Your impact on access to drinking water!



The catchment structure at more than 4000 m

Antallaqta

One day last August, I climbed to the top of the mountain with a group of local farmers. They had insisted on showing me the water capture facility built at over 4,000 m above sea level, in the middle of enormous boulders. They had told engineer William Cerron about the location of this source. It was an immense joy to see **crystal clear** – and extremely cold – **water** flowing from the facility. The farmers took a pose for a souvenir photo, **showing pride** like athletes standing on a podium to receive a medal.

The same scene was repeated on the site of the reservoir located on top of the hill overlooking the village. Digging the trench in which the main water line is installed was a Herculean task, with nearly 3 km of rocky soil to gouge out. You can imagine the great satisfaction felt by the villagers after accomplishing such a feat.



The construction of the reservoir

Thanks to you, drinking water now flows in abundance from a tap into a concrete sink built next to each one of the 60 family homes.

Huancapuquio



*Clementina García,
Treasurer
of the
Drinking Water
Committee*

An **innovative** project was successfully completed in Huancapuquio. For the very first time, we installed a **solar powered** pump in the Andes. This pump system keeps the 50 m³ tank at full capacity and provides clean water to 90 families at all times.

Wilmer, the young and energetic chairman of the Drinking Water Committee, is also the designated operator of the new system. He was very happy to show me how he can execute certain control operations using his smart phone. ▶

Iribamba



Women are not afraid of hard work

This project presented several challenges. First, the 4,5 km long main water pipe has to take many detours to bring water from the source to the reservoir that was built at the entrance of the village. In addition, it was necessary to attach the piping to the ceiling of a small irrigation tunnel over a length of 244 meters to realise this project. Overcoming all these obstacles made engineer William Cerron and his team extremely proud.



The 500 inhabitants of Iribamba carried out the project enthusiastically. During the inauguration ceremony, a delegation from the neighboring village of Azángaro came to tell us that their population was also up to the task and ready to have access to drinking water. This village is now part of our projects list for 2019-2020.

Santo Domingo and Rio Seco

Work is continuing in these two localities of *Distrito de Supe, Barranca*, which suffered severe damage during the March 2017 floods. The gravity-based water supply system is already in operation in



Braided bamboo huts

the first sector of the new village of Santo Domingo Alto. In the second sector and in the new village of Rio Seco, solar panels will soon be installed to provide water in abundance to the two communities. People are working hard to get the work done so that the water can reach each home. Following their relocation, people are currently living in huts made of *esteras* (braided bamboos). Slowly but surely, they will build their new homes with bricks or adobe (clay brick).

Last August, I was warmly welcomed by these two communities. The mothers expressed **their gratitude in a very touching way, with you in mind**, dear donors. They appreciate your gesture and are very grateful. Thanks to you, **their lives have changed** and their health has improved.

Santa Clotilde, Rio Napo



A sink for each family

On June 14, in Santa Clotilde, the inauguration of the water purification system turned into a big popular celebration. Former *Alas de Esperanza* pilot Bruce Edwards and his wife, Dr. Elisa Mori, represented *Wings of Hope* for the occasion. They had also

been designated *padrinos* (patrons) of the project. From now on, «**safe water**» (*agua segura*) is available at all times for hospital staff and patients and the 1,300 students and school teachers.

This project was carried out in partnership with *Water Mission* and *Pango*, an organization run by two medical priests, Maurice Schroeder and Jack McCarthy, who founded the hospital in the 1980s. Mexican nuns from Guadalajara succeeded the *Missionnaires Notre-Dame-des-Anges* of Sherbrooke, who had worked in this jungle village for fifty years.

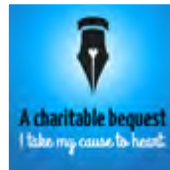


The patrons unveiling the plaque

A good deed to emulate



Yvette Aubin was a nurse at Hôtel-Dieu hospital in Montreal for her entire career. It was only after she retired that she heard about the work of the *Wings of Hope*. Mrs. Aubin became a long-time donor and made **one last important gift** to our organization when she wrote her will. She realized, at that very moment, the beauty of her good deed, which will make **a true difference** in the lives of many Peruvian families. On November 11, 2017, Mrs. Aubin passed away. Fortunately, we were able to express our deep gratitude to her while she was still alive because she had informed us of her intention to make a charitable bequest to support the efforts of the Peruvian people.



Annick Delestre

Annual Report 2017-2018

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, our income totaled \$1,070,064. In addition to donations from individuals and organizations, this amount includes deposits of \$136,493 in endowment funds, and the capital needed to create life annuities (\$12,500). Also included is the interest earned from endowment funds and life annuity funds (\$269,425).

- \$638,736 were transferred to Peru to support projects.
- 10.6% of our income was used for fundraising and administration.

Once again, **we thank you** sincerely for your continued support.

P.-S.: A more detailed financial report is available in French on our website at: www.ailesdelesperance.org, under *L'Organisme*.

Capacitación

Every project we undertake to give access to drinking water has a component called *capacitación*. Its aim is to **empower the community** in which the project is developed. The goal is to give more autonomy to the population by enabling them to manage and maintain the newly installed drinking water system.

A *capacitor* or specialized social worker is hired to ensure the population is given proper training. Several topics are discussed at meetings such as self-esteem, the role of women and gender equality, community

organization and task assignment for the duration of the project. One of the sessions is dedicated to electing the members of the Drinking Water Committee, half of whom must be women. Emphasis on the environment, hygiene, health, sustainable use of water, socio-economic integration and awareness of good nutritional practices are also on the agenda.

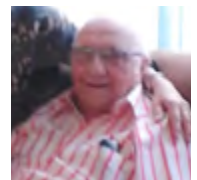
Thanks to this *capacitación*, the community is united, energized and active and acquires the necessary competencies **to self manage** and improve living conditions.



Social worker Angel Huaman

Thank you Mr. Bessette

Lucien Bessette, priest, passed away on December 18, 2017. He had supported several causes, but access to water for remote communities in Peru was certainly his favorite.



Mr. Bessette had chosen life annuities as a means to support the work of *Wings of Hope*: he had signed thirty-five such contracts since the year 2000. The impact of his great kindness continues after his death. At his funeral, which was celebrated at Saint-Michel Cathedral in Sherbrooke, I paid tribute to his discreet generosity towards the poorest of Peru - something he would not have allowed while he was still with us! Here are a few words from my speech:

«Mr. Bessette, you chose to live soberly and in a simple manner to be able to give more. You were in perfect agreement with the popular saying that reminds us that when we leave this life, we carry nothing of what we have received, only what we have given! Mr. Bessette, *your coffin is very heavy* as it is filled with everything you have given!»

Our sincere gratitude on behalf of all the Peruvian families who now have access to clean water thanks to you, Mr. Bessette.

André Franche

Water for everyone

Canuja, Atalaya, Amazonia

Canuja is an indigenous community located on the banks of the Tambo River, about an hour's drive from Atalaya. This village is also accessible by the new road connecting Puerto Prado and Atalaya.

About 60 families from the Shinipo, Conibo and Paujine nations make up this community where people live from fishing and small-scale farming. They sell their production surpluses to the Atalaya market to generate a little income.

The population currently drinks water from the river or surface canals, which leads to serious health problems. Following the recommendation of



The two Canuja professors, graduates of the Nopoki Center, with Darinka



An identical reservoir will be built in Canuja

missionary Padre Rosendo, community leaders contacted the staff of *Alas de Esperanza Perú*. So Darinka Pacaya organized several meetings with the Canuja community and the elected Drinking Water Committee.

Then, engineer William Cerron elaborated the future drinking water supply project. As there are hills near the village, the installation of a gravity-based system is possible, which is very good news.

The total cost of the project is \$125,278. However, 38% of this amount is the value of **the workforce that the community will provide**. Therefore, the required external assistance is \$77,454. Your support is essential for this project to become a reality. **Through the gesture of sharing**, you will encourage the efforts of this Aboriginal community while improving their daily lives.



Our sincere **THANKS** on their behalf.

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