



Newsletter



The inhabitants of Rio Seco are cheerfully collaborating on their water project

Discoveries and unforgettable encounters

I have known *Wings of Hope* for more than 20 years and I contribute faithfully so that many of the many drinking water projects submitted by various communities in isolated regions of Peru can materialize. As I myself have had the opportunity to live several years abroad, particularly in Colombia and Chile, I always read with great interest André Franche's mission reports in Peru as well as the two annual Bulletins. This is how I had the desire to accompany André Franche during his recent mission. I was very enthusiastic about making such a trip that was off the beaten track in deep Peru.

Indeed, throughout the 27 days of this mission, they were unforgettable encounters with friendly people of great dedication: leaders, authorities and villagers, tireless workers that the ultimate goal of providing a drinking water system to the community had gathered. And what about the beauty and diversity of the

landscapes in the three regions we visited: the Amazon, the Sierra (mountain) and the Pacific coastal region. The many trips between these regions were sometimes long and tiring (plane, boat, canoe, bus, *colectivos*, taxis) but it was really worth it.

Francine Cyr

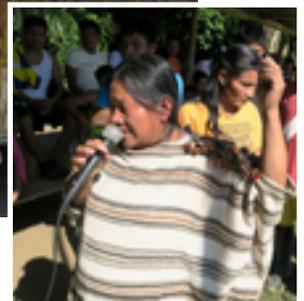


On the Ucayali River



▲ Our "hotel" in Diamante Azul

Pinina Fernandez, dynamic president of the Shinipo Water Committee



Godmother of the inauguration in Canuja

I have many memories to share with you, but I will focus here on my participation as a sponsor during my first inauguration of a project, the one in Canuja, Amazonia.

After the cold weather in Lima, it was very pleasant to arrive in Atalaya on Thursday August 1st and enjoy a much warmer temperature. On Saturday, August 3, we left for Canuja a little late due to heavy rain that has cooled the weather considerably. The trip takes about 30 minutes by pickup on a road that is sometimes barely passable; you always wonder if the vehicle will make it. Our group went to the community hall where the authorities and the people of the village gathered to welcome us. The women served us the famous masato, a fermented local drink made from manioc and milky white in colour. You have to develop a certain taste to appreciate it! While waiting for the ceremony, we visited the cooks who prepared the meal in large pots that heated on charcoal fires.

Around 2 p.m., the ceremony begins with the welcoming words of some village authorities, including Chief Moisés Tapia wearing traditional costume, then André Franche. We then move outside where, as sponsor of the project, I unveil the inaugural plaque bearing the names of the donors who made this project possible and the members of the Water Committee. To finish, I followed the tradition by breaking with a hammer the famous

bottle of sparkling wine (here a bottle filled with *masato*) to wish full success to this beautiful project. Candy was then thrown to the children, which also pleased the adults, and two balloons were given, one for girls and one for boys. Back in the room community, a good hearty meal is served to us. Then there was music and dancing with the villagers. It was truly a celebration that crowned the efforts and hard work of all the people in the community who made this drinking water project a success. This is a great improvement in everyone's quality of life and relieves women and children of the daily chore of fetching water at greater or lesser distances.

The whole community has expressed its deep gratitude to us many times and it was heartwarming to know that, thanks to our donations, these people's lives will

now be easier. After these festivities and a very pleasant afternoon, we drove back to Atalaya with a light heart; **yes, with a little help, dreams come true.**

Francine Cyr



A smile of gratitude



Unveiling of the plaque with Padre Rosendo

Inauguration in Santo Domingo



Tanks and solar panels

Inauguration in Antapite



At Antapite school, we learn to wash our hands!



Miriam Castro, Executive Director of the Fondation Père-Ménard, Francine Cyr and on the right, Agliberto Martinez, Mayor of Vilcashuaman

Thank you Mr. Vinet



Peru 1991: Sister Louise Mailhot, Ferdinand Vinet, Father Marcel Paquette and Léo Brossard

Last March, Mr. Ferdinand Vinet of Chateauguay (the Quincaillerie centrale) passed away. Over the past 50 years, he had consistently supported the missionary and humanitarian projects I proposed to him. Through his gifts, he has embellished the lives of thousands of Peruvians. Families now live in dignity, especially thanks to constant access to clean drinking water. On their behalf, on March 23rd, during Mr. Vinet's funeral, I had the opportunity to show him my gratitude and affection. In 1991, he accompanied three other faithful collaborators on a trip to Peru, which allowed him to see the effectiveness of his donations.

André Franche



Annual Report 2018-2019

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, cash inflows totalled \$1,049,110. In addition to donations from individuals and organizations, there are \$71,263 in endowment funds and \$98,000 in capital to purchase life annuities. Interest on endowment funds and life annuity funds \$217,670 are also included.

- \$ 554,275 was transferred for projects in Peru
- 10.74% is the percentage of fundraising and administration fees.

Thank you very much for your renewed commitment.

P.S.: A more detailed financial report is available at www.aildesesperance.org, under the tab *The Organization*, Financial Reports

Strengthening of water committees



Workshop Participants

Darinka Pacaya is currently taking over the social part of the projects in the Amazon. On 21, 22 and 23 October, a meeting was held with members of the water committees or JASS of the 10 villages of the Atalaya Province where we carried out a drinking water project. The aim was to consolidate the training of these members for optimal water management. The director of the ATM of Atalaya and an official of the Ministry of Health, responsible for supervising water chlorination, intervened during these three days of training.

The fifty participants were welcomed by families from the community of San Pedro de Lagarto and the meetings were held in the community room.

Thank you Darinka for this great initiative.

Charity cocktail party

On October 1st, despite the torrential rain that fell at the end of the day, some forty friends and donors from Wings of Hope participated in the event. This charity cocktail was held at **Restaurant Mochica** in Montreal, thanks to the initiative of its owner and grand chef, Martin Oré.

This event raised \$3,000 for the Cajamarca drinking water project, Simbal District, whose work has just begun. A sincere thank you to Martin Oré, his partner Claude Pétrin and *Viña Tabernero* for the wine and Pisco. (Restaurant Mochica, 3863 Saint-Denis Street, Montreal).

Many thanks to all of you for contributing to the success of this activity.

Annick Delestre



Cocktail participants

Presence of young people at the cocktail reception: Carlos Théorêt, Martin Franche and Isabelle Dubuc



