



Newsletter

Rebirth of the Antapite Community



Reyna visiting a mother's house

Long forgotten by the various levels of government, the community of Antapite is reborn thanks to the arrival of



Capture of the main source

drinking water. Since last October, our field partner has been working with this community to install a reliable and permanent gravity-fed water supply system. The water comes from three springs collected in the highgrounds of the village.

Reyna Quispe is responsible for the social part of the project. In addition to meetings with the population, she visits all the families and spends several hours with each mother in order to get to know them better and prepare them for their new life.

There is still a large part of the sinks to be built, but all families will have running water at home by the end of April.



Running water at home!

Our Field Partner

On December 18 and 19, members of our Peruvian team met in Atalaya to strengthen ties and improve coordination for optimal project implementation. Indeed, several factors such as weather conditions, the rainy season and the availability of local labour are taken into account in project programming. Darinka carefully prepared the programme for these two days. The Peruvian team is thus gaining momentum and autonomy and we are delighted about it.

Carlos Paraguay, Luis Felipe Ruiz, Darinka Pacaya, Elizabeth Arias, Reyna Quispe, William Cerron and missionary Padre Rosendo Gualina (in the back).



The water will soon flow to Canuja

In our Fall 2018 Newsletter, we invited you to support the Amazonian community of Canuja and thanks to you, the project is moving forward. Everyone is at work. Los nativos (indigenous) de Canuja respect their commitment by providing all the necessary unskilled labour. Carlos Paraguay is responsible for the social part and the accompaniment of the population. The drinking water committee has now acquired the skills to properly manage the new water supply system that will soon be operational. This village now has road

access, so we were able to continue the work despite the heavy rains that have fallen on the region since last November.

As a result, the water catchment and reservoir are built and workers Samuel and Abilio are currently completing the installation of the pipes and building the 50 sinks, one for each family. Your donations have sown hope in this native community for better days.

A sincere THANK YOU on their behalf.



The water catchment site



The arrival of the pipes, as here in Canuja: a very happy moment!



The Canuja reservoir will be painted as soon as the rains stop

Rio Seco

The example of the mobilization of the villagers of Rio Seco only increases our motivation to support the efforts of Peruvians. Indeed, after having lost everything during the March 2017 floods, the farmers did not give up. On the contrary, armed with courage, they agreed to acquire a large

piece of vacant land on the side of the mountain and then rolled up their sleeves to build the new Rio Seco village. Yves Morin, member and volunteer of the Wings of Hope was in Peru at the time and had participated in the installation of temporary access to drinking water in this village.

Our field team then developed a project to provide access to water by gravity. The whole community came together and worked in an exemplary way throughout the project. About thirty families from neighbouring villages that were also heavily affected by the floods were added to the 90 families identified at the beginning of the project. The workers are completing the construction of 130 cement sinks



Verónica, the young and dynamic treasurer of Rio Seco

Thank you Mr. Filiatreault

The Honourable Jean Filiatreault was a judge of the Superior Court of Quebec from 1985 to 2004. A long-time donor, Mr. Filiatreault had opted for a monthly donation at the time of his retirement. In doing so, he wanted to continuously support the efforts of Peruvians while reducing the administrative workload of the Wings of Hope staff.

Mr. Filiatreault passed away on January 28. At his funeral, we were very pleased to witness his generosity and commitment to the cause of access to safe drinking water for isolated rural and indigenous communities in Peru. His wife has informed us of her decision to continue making a monthly donation to support our projects. We thank her very much.



The Hon. Jean Filiatreault

From reinforcement to CA

At the general meeting on November 22nd, Bertha Marinier Séguin was elected as the 6th member of the board of directors of *Les Ailes de l'Espérance*. We welcome her and thank her for her availability. Bertha is a graduate of «HEC» and works in human resources at Bell Canada.



Bertha Marinier Séguin and Darinka Pacaya

A high level of awareness

Last September, I had the pleasure and honour of representing *Les Ailes de l'Espérance* at the 1st International Congress on Water Resources and Sanitation held in Trujillo, Peru, my home town. It was a very enriching experience for me, which made me aware of the problems of water management and to better understand the scope of the work that the *Wings of Hope* are doing in my country. A sincere thank you to Mr. Franche for giving me this opportunity.

Here are some of the highlights discussed at this conference:



Susan C. Palacios Vegas with Paul Granda, member of the corporation, at an environmental conference in Lima.

- The observation of the very uneven availability of water in different regions was obvious. Statistics on the millions of people still deprived of access to drinking water show the urgent need to act in a sustainable development perspective. A developed country is a country in which all inhabited villages, even the most remote, have access to safe drinking water, water being an essential element for human life and development.

- On the other hand, the willingness of governments to establish public policies to improve water management, after consultation and dialogue between governments and the population, is increasingly noticeable.

- A first obstacle to this political will, inadequate water financing, has been identified, hence the need to establish good coordination between governments, institutions and the private sector.

- Agriculture uses between 70 and 80% of fresh water. Watershed-based water management then appears to be the preferred option for establishing a fairer and more efficient distribution of water. Indeed, this inequality is causing

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more and more conflicts, hence the urgency to find solutions.

- In Latin America, all water experts are committed to working together for better water management and to promoting education programmes and the training of young water talents.

The second part of the conference focused on the huge deficit in sanitation and sewerage services, as well as wastewater treatment and reuse.

*Susan Carolina Palacios Vegas
Law student*



Millions of people still draw their water from unsanitary canals or ponds

Water for all

In Villa Los Angeles, Supe, Barranca



A warm welcome in front of the school in Villa los Angeles

In the early 2000s, a group of young families, finding nowhere to settle, took the risk of invading a vacant lot on a dusty slope in the Supe Valley. To date, about 150 families have settled in this new village called Villa Los Ángeles. The Municipality of Supe helped these families to legalize the occupation of the land and to register it.

Most fathers work as day labourers on neighbouring farms. They are young families and the number of children is impressive. A kindergarten and a primary school are currently operating in makeshift facilities.

In 2012, the Municipality had built the drinking water system that is now inoperative because it was poorly designed. Indeed, the water arrives

at the foot of the mountain but due to an inadequate pumping system, the water does not reach the perched reservoir upstream of the houses.

In addition, by 2017, the floods had washed away much of the main pipe. The population is very enthusiastic about participating in the project, which should start in July. It will consist of rehabilitating existing installations, installing a solar-powered pumping system, building the distribution network and a cement sink for each family.

Last August, my colleagues on the Peruvian team and I were warmly welcomed by the schoolchildren, their teachers and mothers. We are counting on your generosity to fulfill the dream of these 800 residents to have a reliable and sustainable water supply system. The total cost of the project is \$216 838. However, 35% of the budget represents the labour provided by the population and material financed by the Municipality. The external assistance required is therefore \$140 771.

Thank you for participating in this project!



André Franche and the three female members of the drinking water committee

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