



Newsletter

50 years of involvement in Peru

It all began in 1971 with the air service in the Amazon that helped for several decades to help isolated indigenous communities in the jungle. Since the year 2000, we have been carrying out drinking water projects in particular. Indeed, there are still millions of Peruvians who do not have access to water, an element that is essential to life. Water is a global issue and with climate change, measures are needed to conserve this resource and use it sparingly so that everyone

has access to it; it is a fundamental right recognized in 2010 by the United Nations.

Throughout these 50 years, together, we have changed the lives of thousands of Peruvians living in remote rural and indigenous villages. All of these communities truly appreciate your faithful support. Indeed, your gesture impresses them because you are far away from them and you care about their living conditions. The villagers are very grateful to you and

are proud to work very hard to have access to drinking water. The population enthusiastically digs trenches for miles around, sometimes in rocky soil. This work is hard but positive and stimulating.

Let's pursue together the mission of Wings of Hope to reduce inequalities and help disadvantaged communities live in dignity.

We thank you for your valuable support and care

Annick Delestre



Meeting at the summit with the peasants of Choccoro, at 4,300 m, with the heads in the clouds.

The water warriors

In our Spring 2020 newsletter, we told you about the young Autumn Peltier who was appointed Chief Water Commissioner by the Anichinabee Nation in Ontario. She inspired us to write this column and we are pleased to introduce you to some of the water warriors we meet during the realization of drinking water projects in Peru.

Miriam Salazar



In June 2004, Miriam, a young mother from Pampas de Velarde, learns that *Wings of Hope* will inaugurate the new drinking water service in El Porvenir. She decided to walk to the village to meet with representatives of our organization. Denis Thibeault, then vice-president of *Wings of Hope*, his wife Amelia and

Lyne Francoeur were convinced and accompanied her to her village. **They saw the harsh reality** that the people of Pampas de Velarde were living: the muddy water from the irrigation canal was the only source of water available to this community, with all the negative health consequences that drinking this water had. In addition, toilets are installed above this canal.

Thanks to Miriam's action, we can affirm today that her gesture has been the spark plug for the elaboration and realization of a vast project that provides clean water permanently **to ten villages** in the Province of Barranca.

Miriam subsequently became actively involved in the drinking water committee of Pampas de Velarde.

Through her dynamism, **she was able to motivate** the members of her community and those of nine other villages to accomplish the hard work necessary to realize this gigantic project. A few years later, Miriam is still at the forefront and obtains funding from the regional government to build the sewage system in her village. **Life is now much better and more dignified in Pampas de Velarde. Bravo Miriam!**

Miriam Salazar and Lyne Francoeur



Verónica Flores

In 2017, Verónica is 20 years old and is pursuing university studies in Huacho. It is also the year in which her village Rio Seco was completely destroyed by the floods caused by El Niño. She is therefore involved in the committee set up to relocate and rebuild the village. As an accounting student, Verónica willingly accepted the position of treasurer.

The Peruvian team of *Wings of Hope* soon noticed **her leadership**. For the past two years, she has been part of the team as a social worker in the projects that we carry out in the rural villages of the coastal provinces. **She vigorously motivates communities to carry out their water access project** with the support of *Wings of Hope*. Her interventions with mothers and children for the proper use of water and hygiene are carefully listened to. Also, she does not hesitate to argue with mayors and other municipal leaders so that they respect their commitment. **Young people see her as a very inspiring role model.** Thank you Verónica!



Master's students and access to water

A group of students from the *Gerencia Social* program of the *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú* (PUCP) chose the *Wings of Hope* drinking water projects as **a case study for their master's degree**. We held several virtual meetings with them to answer their many questions. On August 21st, they were happy to present us with the results of their study. These young people bring new perspectives on the mission and work of *Wings of Hope*. Refreshing ideas that will make our interventions even more effective and relevant. A meeting with the group is planned during a future stay in Peru.



The students Jenny Vega and Fabricio Chavez, group members

A much-appreciated bequest



In his youth, Jean-Louis Durand participated in the development of bush aviation in Quebec with brothers Arthur and Joseph Fecteau and others. It was always interesting, even fascinating, to hear him recount his many work experiences. No technical problem could resist **his practical ingenuity and creativity.**

Aviation was an obvious attraction for him; he flew his own plane. Lucien Charbonneau, a volunteer mechanic with *Wings of Hope*, put him in touch with our organization, which he generously supported.

Over the years, **the cause of access to water had become very dear to him.** A few years before his death in 2019, during an update of his will, he had made a significant bequest to *Wings of Hope*. He knew that the financial impact resulting from his gift would only minimally reduce his heirs' share. **He thus extended his generosity and support** to remote communities in Peru. He was also well aware that when we leave this land, **we take with us only what we have given!**

His memory will always be present at the *Wings of Hope*.

Annual Report 2019-2020

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, cash inflows totalled \$1,199,211. In addition to donations from individuals and organizations, \$151,000 was deposited in endowment funds, \$65,000 was received to purchase life annuities, and \$231,322 was received from endowment funds and the life annuity fund.

- \$762,774 was transferred for projects in Peru.
- 8.79 % is the percentage of fundraising and administrative expenses.

Thank you wholeheartedly for your renewed commitment.

P.S. - The more detailed financial report is available at ailesdelesperance.org under the The Organization tab, Financial Reports.



Five completed projects



Azángaro



Villa los Ángeles



► Nuevo Progreso ▲ Cajamarca

Despite the delays caused by the pandemic, five projects have just been completed. The official inauguration is scheduled for the next mission to Peru, which we hope to be able to carry out in February 2021.

Azángaro, Huanta Ayacucho: from the spring catchment structure located 3.5 km from the village, water is conveyed by gravity to the 42.5 m³ reservoir

Villa Los Ángeles, Supe, Barranca: The water is gravity fed to a cistern at the foot of the village and is then pumped by solar energy to the reservoir on the hillside. The water is then delivered to each house through the distribution network. A cement washbasin has been built for each of the 150 families.

Nuevo Progreso, Atalaya, Ucayali: Water is pushed by a solar pump from the 12 m deep well to the high reservoir and then redistributed into the network.

Cajamarca, Simbal, Trujillo: we carried out this project in partnership with Water Mission. The project was inaugurated on October 24th. Verónica Flores represented *Wings of Hope* at the inauguration. The solar panels surmount the *caseta de bombeo* built above the 40 m³ cistern.

Shenontiari, Atalaya, Ucayali: this village is located at a 2.5 hour walk from the river bank and due to its remoteness, the project required an additional effort from our field team. Here too, a solar-powered pump was installed.

Water for all



In Choccoro, Vinchos, Ayacucho

This project will not be easy! Indeed, Choccoro is located in a very isolated and very high region in the Andes, at 4200 m of altitude. Approximately 90 families make up this community of pastoralists who make a living by raising their small herds of sheep and cows. Agriculture is kept to a minimum because there are only a few plants that are resistant to frost. Pierre Cadoret and I went to this village last February in the company of engineer William Cerron.

The peasants provided us with horses to facilitate the visit because there is no access road. The houses are scattered along both sides of the immense valley, which increases the level of difficulty and the cost of the project. The construction of a community room is planned in order to strengthen the organization of the village.

A water source has been identified 4,350 m upstream from the village. A catchment structure will be built as well as a 30 m³ reservoir. This will be followed by the installation of the water distribution network with home connections and a cement sink for each family.

Despite the enormous amount of work to be done, these farmers are motivated to carry out their project with the support of Wings of Hope **and your involvement. Once completed, this project will give dignity and pride to these poor people who will feel valued in this way.**

The external assistance required amounts to \$132,714. We thank you for your support.



A Choccoro farmer in front of his house



Peasants from Choccoro came in large numbers to discuss the project



This Choccoro young girl remains positive despite her difficult living conditions

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