



Newsletter

Mission to Peru March 2022



Colpapampa: the welcoming committee

The first week of this mission took place on the coast, in the provinces of Barranca and Huaura and the second in the department of Ayacucho.

On Sunday, March 6, the Peruvian team and I are in Limán to attend the inauguration of the solar pumped water project. The following days, we make many trips to meet with the drinking water committees of villages where projects have been or are in the process of being realized as well as future projects. Peruvian hospitality obliges, the communities always offer us a copious meal!

The mayors recognize and appreciate the work of *Wings of Hope* and ask us to intervene in their villages where they do not have the possibility to do so due to lack of funding or if pumping



The mayor of the district of Végueta, Eutemio Rios, receives the team of Alas de Esperanza

is required. On the coast, we were received in the town halls of Supe, Santa María, Végueta and Supe Puerto; in the Andes, in the town halls of Vilcashuamán, Vischongo, Millpo, Luricocha and Uchuraccay. ►



Vilma Guardia, the valiant president of the water committee in Limán



Inauguration in Limán: on the left Irela Vallejo, archaeologist and sponsor of the event



A young couple who has just settled in Limán

On Thursday evening, March 10, we take an overnight bus to Huamanga. We cross the Andes mountain range well covered with snow at 4746m. At this time of the year, the mountains are green and the water is dripping everywhere.

On Sunday, March 13, the inauguration of the project of **Colpapampa**, also with solar pumping, takes place. As in Limán, the families express their **gratitude** for the support given to the realization of their water project.

and Verónica from the social part and me have a meeting. Ángel, the only one absent, was held in the Selva. The meeting was very positive and fruitful. **The interest and motivation of each member bodes well for the future.**

At the end of the day, Zenaida Araujo recorded a message about water and the work of *Wings of Hope* on the occasion of their **50th anniversary**. This message will be broadcast on a loop on her TV show *Ayacucho Clic*.



Reyna, social responsible, meets a peasant woman of Huaroccopampa



Uchuraccay: the youngest couple of the village



Colpapampa: the solar panels and the village in the background

This week spent in Ayacucho was quite painful because of the omnipresent mud due to the incessant rain which made the roads impassable. Let's say it, we got beaten up quite a bit!

On Tuesday, March 15, the team members, Elizabeth, coordinator, Nicanor and Manuel, engineers, Reyna, Carlos

The last visit is to Uchuraccay where work will begin shortly (see our Fall 2021 Newsletter). As we leave the village, we pay our respects at the site where eight journalists were murdered in 1983. A very sad story.

On the morning of March 18, we arrived in Lima by night bus. In the

afternoon, I was relieved when I received the negative result of my mandatory Covid test before boarding the plane to return to Montreal via Panama.

During these missions, we receive new requests. **Confident of your support and generosity**, we consider many of them. Thank you for your support!

André Franche



2 *The drinking water committee of Villa los Ángeles*



Ccachubamba: the committee of this future project

50th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 5th is fast approaching. It will be a milestone in the history of *Wings of Hope* as it will mark 50 years of involvement in Peru with many indigenous and rural communities in the Amazon, the Andes and the Pacific coast.



The air service

A great number of people have shaped this 50 year history, the founders, administrators, presidents, donors, valiant pilots, mechanics and all the staff and volunteers. **Together we have helped save lives and improve conditions** for these often forgotten populations. We can be proud of all that we have accomplished in these 50 years. **Let's continue this great adventure!**

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at the **Coteau Rougemont Vineyard**. There will be short speeches, dancing and traditional music. A Peruvian snack will be offered to each guest. There will also be a **silent auction** that will allow you to support a clean water project while purchasing a Peruvian handicraft.

The reply coupon attached to the invitation is to be returned before May 6, 2022. The last details will be communicated to you after the confirmation of your presence.

See you soon!

Annick Delestre

Ginette Thibault Fund

Ginette Thibault, a physician and member of the *Wings of Hope Corporation*, passed away last May from cancer at the age of 73. Originally from the Côte-Nord, she had mainly practiced medicine in the Lachute area. Ginette Thibault was the wife of the late Claude Gagnon, ex-president of *Les Ailes de l'Espérance*, and had accompanied him on his missions to Peru, which gave her the opportunity to assist the medical staff in the Amazon. **She had developed a special affection for the Peruvian people and our cause of access to water for remote communities in that country.**

At the last revision of her will, Ginette Thibault decided to leave 10% of her estate to *Wings of Hope*. Her gesture shows that the will allows us to make a more important contribution than we thought.

On November 29, her sister Renée, the liquidator, came to personally present us with the bequest.



From left: André Franche, Darinka Pacaya and Renée Thibault

The Ginette Thibault Fund was created within *Wings of Hope*. Her support for the efforts of Peruvians will never end.

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Water for all

in Nueva Galilea



The only water point

Nueva Galilea is a village located in the district of Raymundi, about two hours by boat to the North of Atalaya, on the right bank of the Ucayali River. The village has about 70 families (300 inhabitants) of the Ashaninka ethnic group. These families live from fishing and agriculture. There is an elementary school with about 60 students.

This village has no access to drinking water; people consume stagnant,

Santiago Perez, the young president of the community



greenish water from a highly contaminated stream. In 2019, the provincial government built a tambo, multi-service



A typical residence of the village

center. Access to drinking water was included in the project, but the dishonest contractor left only a 4 m hole from which no water comes out. The locals felt cheated. They contacted the Alas de Esperanza team.

The proposed project consists of digging a 12-15 m deep artisanal well, building a 15 m³ high tank, installing a solar pumping system and a distribution network to bring the water to the houses and three premises. Each family will have a cement sink.

A drinking water committee is in place and the community of Nueva Galilea agrees to provide all the unskilled labor necessary to complete the project.

The total cost of this project is \$113,492. However, 23 % of the budget represents the labor contributed by the population and the materials also provided by the community. Outside assistance required is \$87,858. Thank you in advance for supporting the work of these indigenous people in their quest for a dignified life, which consistent access to clean water will provide.



A girl from the village

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