



Newsletter



Le réservoir de Venturosa fait la fierté de ses habitants



The joy of
this mother in
Uchuraccay Pata

Mission to Peru

During the mission to Peru on February 2023, I was able to see during the **rainy season** in the Amazon and the Andes **how hard life** is for millions of Peruvians. Indeed, the communities live for long weeks on wet and muddy grounds, which is really not healthy. In March, the rains swollen by the **Yaku** cyclone caused dozens of *huaycos*: mudslides and landslides. In spite of these

weather conditions, our program was respected: meetings with all the members of the Peruvian team, visits of the projects in progress, of the projects already realized and to come. Since last July, the Peruvian team has been working simultaneously on **seven projects**: Chulit Alto, Nueva Galilea, Santa Clara, Nueva Esperanza, Huallpapacana, Ccachubamba, Putacca and San Miguel de Rayme.

Inaugurations



The mayor of Supe poses
with children of Venturosa



Uchuraccay Pata: welcome with
carnival tunes



Venturosa: Maestro Llutari installing the water chlorination system

Maintenance of water systems

In general, the communities and the water committees take **ownership** of their water system and fully assume the maintenance and management of it, **which strengthens their self-confidence**: *Con la obra del agua potable, hemos aprendido a valorizarnos*. This sentence reveals that our mission has a positive impact on the communities. It is by seeing these results that the mayors of the municipalities involved are becoming more and more interested in the work of *Wings of Hope*.

There are, however, some communities that are experiencing difficulties. Indeed, although the realization of the water project contributes to strengthen the bonds between people, some differences remain and affect the good maintenance of the water system. In this case, a long-term follow-up is necessary despite the costs involved.



The Shirintiari drinking water committee; on the right the valiant president Chipiama



A brave peasant woman from Nueva Esperanza



Santa Clara: a group of women with Darinka



At Lagarto Millar, the operator and the chairman of the water committee follow the maintenance program to the letter



Installation of the last hidrante (sprinkler) in Putacca. This irrigation system realized in partnership with the Provincial Municipality of Vilcashuamán covers 60 hectares



André Franche and Ángel Huaman, engineer, who also takes care of the social part of the projects in the Amazon

Violent demonstrations

In addition to the rains, the Peruvian people are greatly affected by the consequences of the **political crisis** of the last months. The battle between the President of the Republic and the Congress resulted in the impeachment and imprisonment of President Pedro Castillo. Violent demonstrations have broken out in several cities, resulting in the deaths of about 50 people, and the crisis is far from over. Let's hope that the country's elites will finally understand the just demands of the poorest people for a fair distribution of Peru's wealth.

World Water Day 2023



World Water Day 2023 aims to accelerate change to solve the water and sanitation crisis.

"Water affects us all, that's why we need everyone's help".

The hummingbird on the poster is inspired by a *Quechua legend* that tells the story of a hummingbird that tries to put out a large forest fire by carrying water in its beak drop by drop. To the other animals who find his approach laughable, he replies, "I know that, but I'm doing my part." The hummingbird understands that it is important to act and that *if everyone does their part the world can change*.



With the drinking water project, we learned to value ourselves



Thank you Madame Antoinette

Recently the office of Me Nathalie Pedneault, notary, confirmed a bequest from Mrs. Antoinette Brassard, who passed away in 2021 in Jonqui re. Mrs. Antoinette was a faithful donor to our water cause. In 2006, she made her first major contribution by donating a life insurance policy to the organization. The *Antoinette Brassard Fund* was then created within *Wings of Hope*. Her bequest will be added to this endowment fund. **Year after year, the income from the Antoinette Brassard Fund will provide access to clean water to many remote communities in Peru.** Our gratitude and that of hundreds of Peruvian families will live on.

Huallpapacana: with water soon at hand, these two peasant women see a better future



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In Putacca, the villagers transport the long pipe of 50m

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Water for all

In Lapcces, Huanta



Peasant women of Lapcces

Lapcces is a forgotten and marginalized locality in the province of Huanta, Ayacucho. Perched at a little more than 4000 m in the Andes, the travel time from Lima is about 16 hours.

About 50 families live there permanently despite the absence of electricity, school and drinking water service. The cellular telephony is unstable. The children go to school in the neighboring village of Cerpan,

an hour's walk away. The same is true for medical care. The families live from their small agriculture and the breeding of sheep and some llamas. Nevertheless, several young families have decided to build their future in the village.

Last August, four young members of the community came to meet us in Uchuraccay Pata to ask for the support of *Wings of Hope* to realize their project

of access to drinking water. **They had walked four hours to get there.** Currently, the only water available is from the irrigation canal or the small stream at the bottom of the valley. This is the same water that their animals consume!

During the recent mission to Peru, we went to Lapcces to meet the community. The new mayor of the District of Uchuraccay and his predecessor accompanied us, thus endorsing the request of these peasants. The two mayors know very well that this kind of project is too difficult to realize by the Government. That is why they are counting on the support of *Wings of Hope* and on yours.

In the meantime, the engineer Nicanor has already been to the site to develop the project which will work by gravity. The water will be collected from an abundant source at 4200 m of altitude. The total cost of the project is \$90,740. However, the labor provided by the community and some materials provided by the Municipality represent 23% of the budget. These peasants are counting on your great generosity to obtain the missing \$69,910. **THANK YOU in advance for your involvement.**



This peasant woman clearly described the difficulties of her daily life to obtain a little water for her family

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