



Cistern and solar panels at Wallpapacana

### Highlights

The 8<sup>th</sup> Inauguration takes place in **Wallpapacana**, Vischongo, in the Andes. The celebration begins with an offering to the *Pachamama* (Mother Earth), a meaningful ceremony demonstrating the community's respect for the land and water.

The following day, we join the farmers of **Putacca** to celebrate the start-up of the irrigation system, which covers up to 80 hectares of fields.

In **San Miguel de Rayme**, two members of the Dominican Sisters of the Trinity, including the Prioress General, accompany us. This project was entirely financed by this religious community.

In **Ccachubamba**, the peasant women and men who welcome us listen attentively to the testimony of María-Christina, godmother of the event.

Above all, these inaugurations are an opportunity to **celebrate the efforts**



Dr. María-Christina Gonzalez Romulus of Ottawa's Carleton Hospital and Pierre Cadoret, Senior Vice-President of Wings of Hope accompany the President on this mission.



The *fiesta* in San Miguel de Rayme

made by the communities to implement their water access projects. In our next Autumn 2023 Newsletter, you can read about the inauguration of four projects in the Amazon.

### Recognition

It would take pages and pages to transcribe the gratitude of these humble farmers. After being deprived of access to drinking water for so long, these people think they're dreaming! They are very proud of their determination and perseverance in carrying out their own project, **with the support of you** and the Alas de Esperanza Perú team. They feel proud of them.



Children happy to receive balloons from godmother



The community listens attentively to María-Christina's testimony

### Ongoing projects

During the mission, we visit projects in progress at **Condor Paqcha** and **Sunilla**, among others. Work will also soon begin in **Occenay** and **Tahuanti**. In the latter

village in the Amazon, the desperate situation faced by the indigenous people has particularly shaken us. The water is greenish and waste, including dead animals, is thrown into the stream upstream. It's very frustrating to see how little consideration the Peruvian government has for the Amazonian and Andean communities. Yet these are the communities that feed Peru!



Sister Zoselie Escolano, op, prioress general



Putacca: one of many irrigation sprinklers

### Meeting at the embassy

Mr Louis Marcotte, Canada's ambassador to Peru and Bolivia, had expressed a desire to meet with us to find out more about Wings of Hope's work in Peru. The day before our return, Pierre and I were received at Mr. Marcotte's office. Ysabel Blanco, Head of Cooperation, took part in this happy meeting. The contribution of Wings of Hope is clearly part of Canadian cooperation in Peru

### Conclusion

We always return from our missions with a long list of requests. We often feel we're forcing Providence! However, we know how loyal and generous your support is. **THANK YOU!**

*André Franche  
President*

### Meeting with the Peruvian team



Elizabeth Arias, Verónica Flores, Andre Franche, Nicanor Vidalón ing. , and Ángel Huaman ing.

A few days before we left, Pierre Cadoret and I held a meeting with the Peruvian team members, without Reyna Quispe who had another commitment in Huamanga. The aim of this meeting was to review the entire process, from the receipt of a request for support from a community, to the various stages of project implementation and the and extended follow-up. The team's interventions are adapted to the different cultures and mentalities of the project areas: selva, sierra or costa. There's always room for improvement!



Tahuanti: a little girl reassured by our visit

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