



Setbacks Along the Way



The recent mission to Peru took place from August 7 to 27 and was marked by a few setbacks: broken-down planes, delayed boats, and a **massive snowstorm at 4,900 m** (Abra Ritipata). This storm actually prevented us from visiting the ongoing Antallaqta project.



Darinka, Rafael, Elizabeth, and Xiao Xia waiting for the boat at the mouth of the Unini River

Guest Specialist

Dr. Xiao Xia Liang, a geophysicist and groundwater specialist, accompanied me during the first two weeks. She kindly offered her expertise to help improve the quality of unsafe well water in the Amazon—a serious and

very common problem. A huge thank you to Xiao Xia. Darinka Pacaya and her husband, Rafael Sanz, also accompanied me during the long week in the Amazon.



Xiao Xia and a villager from Pampas



Xiao Xia Liang welcomed by the Shipibo people



Engineer Nicanor listens attentively to Xiao Xia's explanations

The New President

Since July 28, Peru has had a new president: Keiko Fujimori. She faces many challenges, including **unifying the country**. Currently, Peruvians are preparing for the regional and municipal elections on October 4. The walls are plastered with an impressive number of photos of candidates.



Keiko Fujimori

A New Member

Elizabeth Arias, Darinka Pacaya, Carla Gamarra, and I—proxy members of the *Asociación Alas de Esperanza Perú* responsible for managing water projects—have approved the addition of a fifth member: Susan Carolina Vegas, a lawyer in Trujillo.

Bienvenida Susan!



Paul Granda and Susan Carolina Vegas at an environmental conference in Lima



The joy of Luz Marina and her daughter Cinthia

Your Donations Bring Joy

During this mission, we participated in the inauguration of **eight projects** in the Andes, the Amazon, and on the Pacific coast. You have to see **the immense joy** that the arrival of water brings to these communities. Indeed, access to clean water transforms their lives so profoundly. Our fall newsletter will provide you with more details. In the meantime, I'd like to convey **their heartfelt gratitude**.



A dream come true for this villager from Alto Verde



The cistern in Alto Verde



Work continues in San Felipe

Lack of Access to Drinking Water

Requests for help from communities are pouring into the office of Elizabeth, our coordinator in Lima. On the ground, witnessing the misery and suffering caused by the lack of reliable and continuous access to drinking water is always a **heart-wrenching experience**.

André Franche,
Executive Director



The community of Suramayo presents its request to Elizabeth



This little girl is proud to recite her short thank-you note to you

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