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#TogetherWeAreStrong

Land of faith and hope

Our country is experiencing a very difficult moment in its history, which has caused sorrow, death and great concern and anxiety among the population. So far more than 100 people have died and there are thousands of victims, as a result of the landslides and floods affecting the Peruvian coastal area. Thousands of homes, schools and factories have been destroyed; the homes of people living in poverty suffering most damage.

Are we in some way to blame for this? Our authorities have for years allowed these people to build their homes next to river banks; a timebomb waiting for its moment, which we are seeing now.

The positive in all of this is the great chain of solidarity which has been released in our country: many people have donated and continue to donate food, medicines and clothing. We hope that the situation will improve but we are aware that there is need for much environmental education and planning in order to promote respect for our planet, "our common home."



Workshop on Human Trafficking, in Fe y Alegría, Jicamarca

In March of this year a workshop on “Human Trafficking in Peru” was held in Fe y Alegría, 58, Mary Ward. This was a part of the initiatives of prevention we have undertaken for the benefit of children and adolescents in Jicamarca. It was led by two psychologists, Natalie Garin y Carmen Uccoglio, from the NGO CHS Alternative. Fifty four people took part: teachers and assistant teachers of all levels of Primary and Secondary as well as support staff.

All the participants were very interested and involved in the sessions; the theme of human trafficking was new to them. The director Sister Patricia, highlighted the importance of the topic today in her introductory and concluding words.



Health Brigades: dedication and love

Near to the Jicamarca IBVM community there are areas severely damaged by the rivers Huaycoloro and Rimac which burst their banks in March. Hundreds of dwellings are encased in mud, their owners having lost everything except, thankfully, their lives. The sisters with the Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Parish Health Centre have organized Health Brigades to visit two affected areas in nearby Cajamarquilla. This initiative was led by Sister Miroslava Santillan.

Without the donations we have received and with which we were able to buy medicines, none of this would have been possible: we are grateful to all our donors and also to those who gave their time as volunteers. The majority of victims present with respiratory, digestive, eye, skin and muscular problems and need psychological support.

The staff and students of Fe y Alegría 58, Mary Ward have brought toiletries and schoolbags with copybooks and have worked really hard to dig out the thick layers of mud. The needs of these people continue to be very great but we are looking to the future with the hope that they will be relocated to safer sites or their homes made secure.





"ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE LITERACY" IS THE THEME OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE EARTH IN 2017"

Environmental and climate literacy is not only the motor for getting conscientious voters, concerned about ecological issues, to the polling stations and for getting related legislation passed; it is also a catalyst for accelerating the development of technologies and work practices which respect the environment.

On EARTH DAY, 2017 the intention is to make the whole world aware of the need to protect the environment and its biodiversity. For this reason the United Nations choose a theme each year; and in many countries ecological events are held, such as conferences, tree planting, parades and so on.

The good news is that the change of attitude depends on us. We don't have to wait for the 22 April each year to do things which help the environment. We only have to change our bad practices.

The earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth. The best heritage we can leave behind us is love, knowledge and a planet fit to be lived in. The Earth is not an inheritance from our parents rather it is a loan from our children.

The United Nations know that the earth and its ecosystems are the home of humankind. To reach a just balance between economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations, we need to promote harmony with the earth and its ecosystems. Hence the designation of 22 April as the "International Day of Mother Earth."

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Jicamarca

In April of this year the Health Centre, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, in Jicamarca, hosted the annual meeting of health personnel of the Vicariate of the Diocese of Chosica. The meeting consisted of an introduction to the Sustainable Development Goals and everyone took part in the conversation.



24 March: International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims.

Peru, like many other countries, has experienced a great deal of violation of Human Rights; situations in which the victims have not had access to justice. We are very concerned that such situations are not repeated.

The purpose of the Day is to:

- Honour the memory of victims of gross and systematic human rights violations and promote the importance of the right to truth and justice;
- Pay tribute to those who have devoted their lives to, and lost their lives in, the struggle to promote and protect human rights for all;
- Recognize, in particular, the important work and values of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, of El Salvador, who was assassinated on 24 March 1980, after denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable populations and defending the principles of protecting lives, promoting human dignity and opposition to all forms of violence.



***“This is the central message of my preaching. Nothing is so important as human life... ”
(Homily 16-03-1980).***

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