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Dear Sisters,

September reminds us that the cold and darkness of winter is passing to make room for the light and the new life that is emerging.

All of nature announces new life, color and warmth. This image is part of our life experience, but it also calls us to hope in the new life that we are constructing together beginning with our small contributions in the happenings of our daily life. We express our faith in small things such as, to smile at another person, giving them confidence and peace, or we can share our time as a gesture of friendship in a moment of active listening to the dear neighbor who might be experiencing a difficult time and watch their eyes and their faces brighten up again; in spite of their pain; and we can also do other things.

We live hope by the love that we express in our actions; in our relationships with those we know and with those we don't know, but that we welcome as our dear neighbors. In this simple way, we are making a difference, a difference that has repercussion in our entire world. Thus, our unifying love which transforms our life is made evident.

With love,

Gloria, Zaida and Maritza.

DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS

In the month of February, we ordered 4 tanks of oxygen to help alleviate the grave situation with Covid-19 here in Peru. The difficult coordination's and the long waiting time was finally ended when the 4 tanks of oxygen arrived in September. We were able to buy these tanks, thanks to the generous donations from the Mission Fund. On Sunday, September 12th, Maritza picked up the oxygen tanks, the carts, the measuring devices, and nebulizers and other accessories; then, she presented them in the name of the Sisters of St. Joseph.



The tanks were picked up in Tablada Lurín (South of Lima)



The oxygen will be administrated through the Chapels of Carapongo

and Canto Chico



Our sisters will continue to help with all they can.

CASA VICE PROVINCIAL SAN JOSÉ COMMUNITY (JESÚS MARÍA) (by María Inés, csj)

"The table where Jesus consecrated the bread and wine, might have been made by Joseph, because there remained the imprints of the hand of the anonymous carpenter who made a living by the sweat of his brow; and precisely, because of this, it would permit that the miracles be manifested" (Paulo Coelho)

On Saturday the 11th, we took a day to relax in Lunahuaná (4 hours to the South of Lima). We enjoyed being together in a different space, with a radiant sun, a beautiful river, relaxing scenery and delicious food



Relaxing scenery



In the plaza of Lunahuaná



Learning how to harvest homey and make wines and piscos.

Commitment to the care of Creation

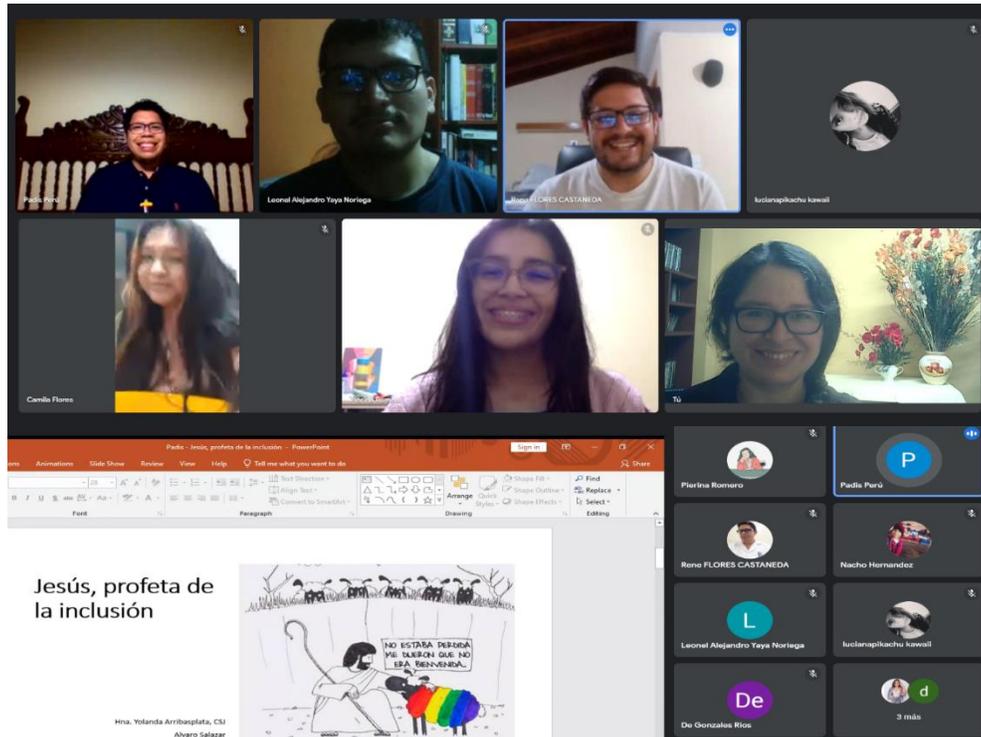
During the "Blackouts", without electricity, we share stories about the experiences of each one of us. We will continue the practice of the "blackouts" so that we can contribute to the care of our Common Home.

Sister Betty is recycling the boxes that the medicines come in, to use them to organize her closet. It is said that the more things we reuse, the less waste products we will produce!



COMMUNITY OF THE GREAT LOVE OF GOD (CANTO CHICO - LIMA) (By Yolanda, csj)

Our sister Yoli facilitated a workshop on "Sexual Diversity and Gender Constructs" with the youth coordinators of the San Pedro de Lima Parish, with the objective to promote inclusion, appreciation and respect for the diverse identities and gender orientations in our Church. The challenge before all of us as Christians is to love.



A dream come true!

In the following photos we will see Miguel Huayta. In the first, Miguel teaching the children and in the second photo, Miguel as a prosperous Civil Engineer.



Miguel is the first child of a couple who live on the hillside called Juventud Unida in Canto Chico. His father is a construction worker and his mother is a housewife. During almost all of elementary school, Miguel received academic assistance with his homework in our "Salon San José". Later, he went to high school and began to help others giving mathematical reinforcement to elementary school children with difficulties in that area. For this collaboration, Miguel received a stipend with which he helped his parents to buy food for their family.

After high school, Miguel began university studies in the field of Civil Engineering. Throughout his studies he faithfully supported the children in the area of mathematics in our San José Room. He always did it with a cheerful, generous and dynamic spirit. For this service he received a stipend from the mission fund and from people who generously donate exclusively for this academic project. This stipend was key so that Miguel could cover the cost of academic materials, transportation expense to the university and he even applied for an economic loan in advance to be able to pay for his university tuition and thus make his dream of being a professional come true.

Miguel is now a civil engineer who, together with his father, has just set up their general construction company "M&M HUAYTA" and is already taking on construction contracts.

During all these years we could see in Miguel not only his innate joy but also his beautiful way of carrying the CSJ identity and spirituality, which we are sure he will continue to transmit with others!

For all who accompanied, lived and enjoyed Miguel's academic process, as CSJ sisters we feel joy and pride for this young entrepreneur. Thanks to the "San José" project and to all who donate financial resources to help make stories like these come true.

Coming back to say "thank you"

Santos is a father of a family and he works as a taxi driver. He had the difficult experience of his son having COVID and in ICU on a respirator. Santos found himself desperate to get an oxygen tank to get oxygen for his son before his hospitalization. Thank God we were able to loan our oxygen tank to him.

Santos's son survived after more than two weeks in ICU and is now enjoying the process of recovery and good health. Santos and his wife returned to our house this week to thank us for the service provided. Some of Santos's phrases were the following: "you were my angels", "God was so great and merciful to us", "you saved me in a very difficult moment". Santos, when sharing about his son, showed his feelings of gratitude and his tears came as he shared the way of the cross that he lived and his gratitude to God and to all the people who supported him!

We are happy for Santos and his family!



Santos and his wife in our house



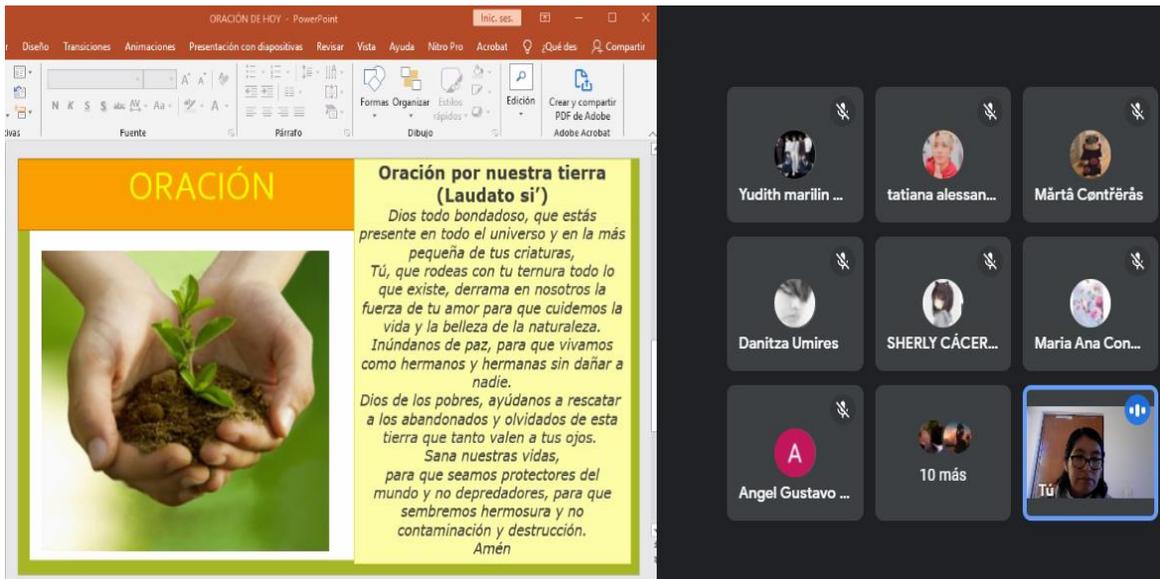
Our missionary tank

TRINITARIAN COMMUNITY (TACNA) (By María Elena, csj)

In the Trinitarian Community, during this time we have been strengthened by reading the document "La Querida Amazonia". This document from Pope Francis makes a challenging call to open your eyes and ears and recognize God present in nature and in every human being. In many parts of the book he invites us to value the wisdom of our indigenous peoples who know how to live in deep communion with all of creation. La Querida Amazonia and Laudato SÍ really inspire care and respect for all creation, so in the community we went to a nursery to contemplate and buy some little plants.



Also, based on these experiences of reading and reflecting on the messages of the document La Querida Amazonia, we continue to encourage the students and teachers of our Fe y Alegría 40 school in the care of our Common Home. As you can see in the following photo where we are praying and reflecting on caring for nature.



Likewise, on September 23, in the I. E. Fe y Alegría 40 we celebrated spring and the "Day of the Youth and the Student" in a virtual way. It was a beautiful experience, since the creativity and enthusiasm of the teachers could be appreciated as they greeted and presented the artistic numbers for the students.



"BUEN VIAJE" SISTERS!

* We wish good, safe travel for our sisters Mary Ann Leininger who will visit her family in San Diego and Los Angeles, and to Teresa Ponce who will also visit her family in Colombia during the month of October. Have a good trip and enjoy the reunions!

UNITED IN PRAYER

- * For all the families who have lost a loved one and for those who suffer the effects of Covid-19
- * For all the Sisters of Saint Joseph in the world to continue bearing witness to the great love of God.
- * For the month of universal mission so that synodality, peace and inclusive love may be strengthened.

We accompany with our prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of life of our sisters and Saint Joseph Family in the month of OCTOBER.

