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WELCOME, SISTERS

We are enjoying the presence and sharing of our Sisters Mary McGlone and Sally Harper who have been with us since the last days of December, 2021 They will be our facilitators in our next Assembly, January 6th to 9th, 2022.



Mary washing dishes



Sally, visiting the VP offices

SOLIDARITY WITH THE DEAR NEIGHBOR (by Maritza Jarro, csj)

Sr. Eduardo William (in the photo, the one in the middle, together with Maritza and Luis, a young friend) donated 13 baskets to share with the families that were most vulnerable. The contact was made through his friend, Luis and we got to know Luis through our friend, Fanny Cárdenas; a network of friends. William told us that years ago, his family didn't have any food to share on Christmas Eve and "somebody" presented their family with a basket full of food and that turned out to be an unforgettable Christmas. He and his family had a wonderful Christmas. That's why he wanted to share with other families this same gesture and he knew that the Sisters would help him distribute the baskets to the families in need.



So in December, that's how we shared with families in Las Brisas, San Halation and Carapongo. Definitely all the families who received the baskets were very grateful to the donor and to the sisters for bringing this precious gift to their homes.



Zaida and Gloria with Sra. Bertha, who distributed the baskets in San Hilarión



Gloria and Zaida, distributing the baskets in Las Brisas



Families of Las Brisa expressing their gratitude for this gesture of solidarity.

Sisters Mary Ann and Ruth distributed the baskets to families in Carapongo. Each family was going through difficult times either because of the death of a loved one or because of unemployment. What a joy for them to receive this gift in these challenging times. All the families were very surprised but very grateful



Sr. Oscar, sells newspapers.



Rafael and Lurmis, a Venezuelan couple



Sra. Lucy and her daughter, are recyclers'



Sr. Adolfo, gardener & widower with grandchildren

In Las Brisas, we Sisters of St. Joseph, thanks to the Mission Fund, shared bags of food with six families, from September to December. In December we were able to share more, thanks to the generous donation from Sra. Silvana Falconi,



Preparing the bags for the six families.

Brayan, a ten year old boy was in charge of picking up the food bag, twice a month for his family. In the photos he is with all his family.



Brayan and his family.

Sra. Yaneth has 2 children and her husband lost his job during the pandemic. She was always very punctual to pick up the bag of food because she told us "Sister, Thank you so much, this bag of food helps me very much because money doesn't go very far and the prices have gone up, thank you Sisters."

Sra. Marisol is also very grateful for the bag she received. She and her children take care of watering our small garden in front of our house and do it well.



Sra. Yaneth



Sra. Marisol

The other 3 families that receive help are: Sra. Maura, Sr. Pablo and Elvis, a young man who was orphaned during the pandemic and he suffers from a condition of esquizofrenia. His family can help him with his medicines but find it hard to also have enough to feed him. That's why they are very grateful for the help during this challenging time



Sra. Maura



Sr. Pablo



Elvis

VICE PROVINCIAL HOUSE SAN JOSÉ (JESÚS MARÍA) (By Maritza Jarro, csj)

During the Christmas holidays, Sisters Robertina, Gloria, Teresa and María Vasquez visited their families. We celebrated Christmas Eve with a prayer for our families, the sisters and the dear neighbor, and we enjoyed the delicious Panetón.



We enjoyed the very welcomed visits during this time: *Genoveva's* family who visited us before Christmas with little *Joaquin* who could not resist investigating all the different areas of our house; his curiosity and confidence in us was very enjoyable especially because it was the first time he had ever visited us.



Our friends *Sonia* and *Fanny* surprised us by bringing bags of clothes for the families we know who need that kind of help. We had an interesting conversation about the desire to serve the dear neighbor who is in need. We ended up with the idea that they could share their gifts and talents during their vacations from work in the areas that need more help. We hope that with time, this desire will become a reality.

The bags of clothes were distributed to families in *Canto Chico* and *Las Brisas*. Needless to say, we are very grateful for the gestures of solidarity and so are the people who received them. We see that there is a lot of hope and generosity.



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

In our school, *Fe y Alegría 40*, the homeroom teachers with the psychology department had a five-week workshop on Vocational Orientation facilitated by our own *Sister Yoli* and her two friends, *Luis* and *Diana*. The workshop involved all the students from first to fifth year high school. The objective was to help them recognize the interests they

have for their life pursuits and to reflect on the possibilities and weaknesses they have. The method used was: the facilitators shared their expertise and strategies with the teachers and the psychology team who in turn, passed on to the students what they learned from the facilitators. The students found each session of the workshop very interesting and were motivated to find their life interests and to develop their vocational diary.

On December 15th, the fifth year students had a spiritual reflection workshop to help them focus on their experiences of the school year and be able to project them into their experiences of higher education in the future. Our Sister Zaida and the psychology team prepared the workshop and creatively organized it so that the majority of the students could participate in this workshop by using "Google Meet" and WhatsApp for groups.

The psychology team also developed illustrative and necessary materials for this workshop which will help the students in their reflections. The students expressed and shared with others how their experiences have made them happy to be part of the Fe y Alegría 40 Family.



Fifth year students with Sister Agripina.

Also, the days 20 to 30 of December, we had the opportunity to reflect and evaluate the school year, 2021. Given our need to continue virtual meetings, the teachers, administrative personnel and the service workers met virtually to finalize the 2021 school year. It was an enriching experience for all.



Sister Agripina participating in the teachers meeting

On December 23rd we took a day to reflect and contemplate the presence of God in all our activity and work as teacher, companion, administrative staff, and service personnel in the family of Fe y Alegría. Then after our spiritual sharing, we participated in a Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Fernando of the Escalarian Congregation who offered us his reflection on the meaning and spirit of Christmas which should reign in all our homes.



A family of Fe y Alegría

UNITED IN PRAYER

- * For all the families who have lost a loved one to Covid-19 and for those who still suffer its effects
- * For the health of Sra. Rita, Mary Luz Salazar's sister.